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THE SEASON OF LENT.

Regulations Adopted by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Phila.

Following are the regulations for the Lenten season of 1898 as promulgated by Archbishop Ryan, of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia:

1. All the faithful who have completed their twenty-first year are bound to observe the fast of Lent, unless dispensed for legitimate reasons.

2 The persons exempted from fasting are the infirm, those under twenty-one years of age, women in pregnancy or nursing infants, those who are engaged in laborious occupations and those who are enfeebled by old age.

3. Only one full meal a day is allowed except on Sundays.

4. On the days on which permission is granted to eat meat, both fish and meat are not to be used at the same meal.

5. A collation or partial meal is allowed in the evening. It should never exceed eight ounces.

By virtue of an edict of the Holy See dated August 3, 1897, the following special dispensations are granted:

6. Bread, butter, cheese, fruit of all kinds, salads, vegetables and fish are permitted at the collation. Milk and eggs are also allowed.

7. It is lawful to drink in the morning some warm liquid, such as tea, coffee or chocolate, and to partake of a small portion of bread, not exceeding two ounces.

8. The use of lard instead of butter is allowed in preparing fish, vegetables, etc.

9. The use of flesh meat will be allowed at any time on Sundays and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the exception of Ember Saturday and Holy Saturday.

10. On the above named days, when meat is allowed, its use is not restricted to one meal in the cases of persons exempt from fasting by age or laborious occupation.

11. When the principal meal cannot be conveniently taken at midday, it is permitted to change the order, taking the collation then and the dinner in the evening.

12. In virtue of powers granted by the Holy See on March 15, 1895, for ten years, workingmen and their families are permitted the use of flesh-meat once a day on all fast days and abstinence days throughout the year, with the exception of all Fridays, Ash Wednesday, the Wednesday and Saturday of Holy Week and the eve of Christmas. Those who avail themselves of this dispensation are not allowed to eat fish and flesh at the same meal, and they are exhorted to perform some voluntary act of mortification.

The Good Friday offerings are devoted to the maintenance of the holy places in Palestine, as directed by the holy Father, the Pope.

The faithful are requested to attend the services in their churches and the abstaining from intoxicating drinks is commended. They are reminded of the annual appeal for the Indians and colored people, the collection to be taken up next Sunday.

What Does It Mean?

The residents of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, are greatly excited over the appearance in the sky one day last week of a cross in a blue black ground of clouds. The occurrence is similar to one in olden times when, Constantine, emperor of Rome in the years of its decline, saw an exceedingly luminous cross in the heavens bearing the following significant inscription, "With this sign you will conquer." Constantine was very much alarmed and declared that it was a signal for him to adopt Christianity, which he did being the first christian ruler of the Roman world about 310 A. D. Some of the Hollidaysburg people predict that it is a sure sign of an approaching bloody war with Spain, while others regard it as a mere vapor rising from the earth and settling in the heavens.

The newspapers which have claimed since the occurrence that the destruction of the battleship Maine was caused by an accident are beginning to abandon their theories. Evidence from the very first showed foul play, and the latest developments, including the reports of the divers point strongly to a diabolical Spanish plot. People who have been in Havana since the explosion occurred state that the Spaniards in that city are openly denouncing the United States, and expressing gratification over the awful loss of life and destruction of the ship.

FREE DELIVERY.

The free delivery system went into effect on Tuesday, and hereafter all people living within the district can have their mail carried to their door. The carriers received their appointments on Friday. They are Edwin H. Ent, Edward E. Caldwell and H. S. Pohe. J. W. Lewis was appointed for substitute carrier, but declined to accept, and his place was filled by the appointment of B. W. Hagenbuch. The routes and number of the carriers are as follows:

Ent, No. 1, for the district below Center and above Fifth. Pohe, No. 2, for the district above Center and Fifth, and Caldwell, No. 3, for the district below Fifth.

Mail will be collected from all the boxes at 6:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m. and 4:50 p. m. Additional collections will be made in the business section on Main Street, between West Street and the Normal School at 11:30 a. m. and 3:15 p. m.

There will be general deliveries made in all parts of the town at 8:15 a. m. and 4:40 p. m. and in the business portion, as stated above additional deliveries at 11:15 a. m. and 3 p. m.

The salary of carriers for the first year is $600 after which it will be raised to $850.

The people should not expect too much from the carriers at first as it will require some time for them to acquaint themselves thoroughly with their routes, after which it is expected the service will give perfect satisfaction. Each carrier is allowed a vacation of thirty days during the year, only one be off at a time.

It should be remembered that drop letters that heretofore cost but one cent will now cost two cents.

Be sure to have the name of the street and number of your house on all correspondence, as this is very essential in making quick deliveries

Gidding—Goldshmidt Wedding.

B. A. Gidding of the firm of Gidding & Co., of this town and Miss Helen Goldshmidt were married at the home of the bride's parents in Mt. Carmel on Wednesday last. In speaking of the event the Mt. Carmel *Star* says:

"Following the ceremony a banquet was on its merry course. The caterer's skill had been taxed to its utmost in securing every dainty that the market could furnish. Jacob M. Gidding, a brother of the groom was popularly ordained master of ceremonies and this jovial, rotund personage filled the bill, leaving nothing to be desired. It was due to his genial, effervescent nature that the repast was one continuous round of pleasure.

The groom, Ben Gidding, is a prosperous young merchant of Bloomsburg. He has contracted an extensive and warm circle of friends during his frequent visits to town. The bride Miss Helen Goldshmidt, the oldest daughter of our veteran merchant tailor, Isaac Goldschmidt. She is an accomplished young lady and enjoys the friendship of all.

They left on the Reading train for Philadelphia, New York and the New England States on a trip which will extend over several weeks."

Those in attendance from Bloomsburg were Messrs. Alex. Cohen, J. M. Gidding, N. Gidding and Joseph Gidding.

Base Ball Chat.

A dispatch from Williamsport says: "During the past week much has been done toward the contemplated reorganization of the Central Pennsylvania League. The managers and directors of the clubs that composed the last year's organization have been in correspondence and a general understanding as to the plan of procedure has been arrived at It is believed that a ten club league will be the most practical and can be conducted with the least expense. As a result Pottsville, Lock Haven, Milton, Sunbury, Bloomsburg and Shamokin will be the towns that will be included in the league along the valley of the Susquehanna, and a preference will be given the clubs of the old Cumberland Valley League to join and complete the organization. If such a plan is consumated a cold shoulder will be turned upon Bellefonte, Johnstown, Clearfield and Altoona.

Miss Helen John entertained her Sunday school class at her home on Normal Hill Friday evening. The members of the class who were present were Ralph Edgar, Edmund Lazarus, Carl Krum, Enos Jacoby, Willie McKelvy and John Splain. The boys enjoyed themselves and spent a very pleasant evening.

EXTRA TROUSERS

To match up with the coat and vest, hundreds of them now on our tables ready for you. Rich, genteel patterns at very ordinary prices. For instance:—About three hundred pairs of strictly all wool Cheviots in neat Gray Plaids and Mixtures or Plain Colors, warranted not to rip (a new pair if they do), buttons not to come off, and, above all, Perfect Fitting, and the price—

$2.00

any size.

Don't think they could be bought by us for the same money to-day.

Korrect Shoes for Everybody.

Elegant, Dressy, Cheviots, Cassemeres and Homespuns in neat checks, stripes or plain colors, perfect fitting and extra well made,

$2.75

Some two and three pairs of a kind are here in Worsted Trousers. The lots are too small in each to waste newspaper money on, so we've divided them into two lots

The $4.00 Worsteds are now $3.00, and the $5.00 kind are now $3.50.

Spring Overcoats.

No store, outside of the largest cities, show such lines.

Splendid black and gray Thibets at $5.00.
Elegant Covert Coats, 8.50.
Very swell, silk lined Covert Overcoats, very fashionable, $12.00.

Extra Special Winter Suit and Overcoat Bargains.

Hats.

For Men and Boys, all the new and correct styles direct from the leading hat makers.

New advance Spring Shirtings with detached collars, in men and boys', at

50c.

Nothing to equal them in the city.

The Shoe Department is filled with Shoe Bargains.

GIDDING & CO.,

Bloomsburg, - - - Penna.

ST. PAUL'S NEW ORGAN COMING.

A letter from R. Midmer & Son of Brooklyn, received on Wednesday, announces that they expect to ship the new organ for St. Paul's Church the last of this week. They will probably begin to set it up next week, and it will take a week or ten days to complete it. The old organ has been sold to Immanuel Episcopal Church of Ansonia, Connecticut, and will be taken down by Mr. Midmer and set up in that church by him.

The contract for the new organ provides that it is to be ready for use by April 1st, so that the contractors will be about two weeks ahead of that time. A full description of the organ will appear later.

The old organ will be used for the last time Sunday next.

A Sleek Swindler.

A nicely dressed young man has been visiting this section of the county claiming to be a teacher at art painting. He arrived at a neighboring town one day last week and proceeded to organize a class. He was successful in his undertaking and each one of the twelve scholars whom he had secured paid him $1.50 in advance. The first lesson was to have been given the following day, but in the meantime the professor skipped and has not been heard from. The "Professor" is about thirty years of age and about five feet and six inches in height. He is making a tour of the state and may strike this town, people should keep on the lookout for him.

The Railroad scene in "The Heart of Chicago" is one of the most complete efforts at realism ever put on the stage, the engine is seen advancing upon the audience for ten minutes. It grows from almost an imperceptible speck on the horizon to an almost full sized engine when it reaches the footlights. A portion of the effect is gained by a cleverly constructed illusion. It is impossible to tell where the illusion ends and the engine as finally shown to the audience begins.

Bloomsburg Opera house March 4.

NO MORE DELAY.

The people of Catawissa were becoming very impatient over the continued delay in the construction of the new river bridge at that place, and on Saturday a petition, signed by all the citizens was taken to Harrisburg, and presented before the Commission on Buildings and Grounds by William T. Creasy. In response to which Governor Hastings, and Auditor General Mylin two of the Commission, accompanied by Secretary of the Commonwealth David Martin and Chief Clerk Bricker, of the Auditor General's Department, arrived in Catawissa on Monday. The party was met at the Penna. depot by Representative W. T. Creasy, W. H. Rhawn, Esq., C. E. Randall, I. H. Seesholtz, W. H. Utt, A. H. Vastine, Clark Harder, A. Truckamiller, John R. Diemer, of Catawissa, and J. C. Rutter, of Bloomsburg. They proceeded to the new bridge, and inspected the work, material etc.

The Governor said they were in sympathy with the people in regard to the building of bridges, and that this one would be completed at once.

An excellent company of home talent will appear at the Opera House to night in Charles Townsend's great play "The Golden Gulch," abounding in stirring climax and ludicrous situation. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the Cuban relief fund, and the efforts of the young people in trying to raise money for so worthy an object, should meet with public approval and the house should be filled. Among the special features will be popular songs illustrated in real life. This is something entirely original and must be seen to be appreciated. Prices 10, 20 and 30c. Seats at Bidleman's Book Store.

The pool contest at Enterline's billiard and pool parlor which has been going on for the past three months closed on Monday evening. The prize, a fifteen dollar tailor made suit of clothes was won by R. B. Grotz, he having secured the largest number of tickets.

K. C. ENT.

K. C. Ent died at his home on West Street, about four o'clock Sunday morning, of pneumonia. He was fifty-five years old. He was an employee of the Bloomsburg Iron Company some years ago but since the dissolution of that organization has been engaged as a traveling salesman for a Philadelphia firm. A wife, one son, and one daughter, Edwin H., and Mrs. Fred Holmes, survive. He was a life long communicant and a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The funeral took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, interment was made in Rosemont Cemetery.

Court Proceedings.

A short session of court was held on Monday. President Judge Ikeler and Associates Fox and Hartz on the bench.

Petition of Lucy Bauman for Court to revoke order made August 10th, 1896, and give the custody of their child May Bauman to her, filed. Hearing fixed for March 19th at 10 a. m. Recognizance of Lucy Bauman and John Mourey in $200 for appearance of the former and the child May at said time.

Adjourned to meet March 9th at 4 o'clock p. m.

One of the greatest drawbacks to the free delivery system in town is that so many houses have not been numbered. Property owners who have neglected to number their buildings should see that it is done at once, as the carriers have only a limited time to make their deliveries, and it will be impossible for them to do it in the time allowed unless this ordinance is strictly complied with.

E. C. Thomas, who lives on the street known as Furnace row near the canal attempted suicide Sunday night. He drank about four ounces of laudanum. The effort would no doubt have been successful had he not told his wife, who immediately summoned a physician, who after working with his patient for some time succeeded in saving his life. Ill health is assigned for the rash act.

Basket Ball.

It was a hard fierce struggle that took place between the Normal and Danville basket ball teams in the gymnasium on Monday evening. It was an exceptionally rough contest and it looked as if both teams were bent on trying to put each other out. According to the rules governing the game, whenever there is a tie play is to be continued till one side scores another point. The visitors however, did not stick to the rules, for after about thirty minutes of play in the second half with the score a tie, 26 to 26, they left the floor and refused to continue, whereupon the game was awarded to the Normal. Of course there isn't much glory in winning games in this manner but when a team resorts to baby tactics in order to save defeat they deserve what they get. Following is the line up:

Normal.	Positions.	Danville.
McGuffie	attack	Beadeau
Berry	attack	Marks
Bray	centre	Linberger
Derr	defense	Seidel
Smethers	defense	Gaskins

Score, Normal, 26; Danville, 26; fouls, Bloomsburg, 13; Danville, 7; umpire, Ougland; referee, Van Horn; timers, Cope and Brown; two 20-minute halves were played.

A fair sized audience greeted the performance of the "Baggage Check" at the Opera House on Monday evening. This company made a good impression on their former visit to this town, and a great many people paid admission Monday night in the hope of witnessing something sky high, in this they were disappointed however as the show was very earthly. The most meritorious feature was the piano player.

Benjamin F. Brooks died on Sunday morning at eight o'clock. He had been making his home of late with his daughter Laura on Catherine Street and was there when his death occurred. Funeral services were held and the remains interred in Rosemont Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

Isaac Kester, died at Light Street Tuesday evening. A wife and two children survive.

EVERLASTING FIRE.

How the Parson Lost His Klondike Flock,

"It appears to me," remarked the Rev. Mr. Tender Foote to one of his parishioners, "that there has been a sudden falling off in the attendance at our place of worship. Have you any idea as to what may be the cause of this defection?"

"Wal, parson," replied Chikoot Charlie, the person to whom these remarks were addressed. "I reckon I could make a purty close guess at the reason why the boys hev quit goin' to church. The fact is I don't think yer hit it jest right in yer sermon Sunday afore last."

"Indeed!" exclaimed the dominie. "I rather prided myself upon that sermon. rather prided myself upon that sermon. What fault do they find with it? Was it not orthodox?"

"You've got me thar, parson. Not bein' a connosoor in sech things, I kain't exactly say whether it wuz orthydox er homepath, but anyway it struck me ez not bein' pertickler well suited to ther needs of this here community."

"Ah, I see. I presume I failed to clothe my thoughts in sufficiently simple language."

"No, that wasn't the trouble, parson. The boys ain't so slow but what they kin savvy most any kind of talk, even if they air a leetle keerless about their own langwidge; but that sermon of yourn wasn't exactly the kind that would make 'em want ter foller the straight an' narrow path, if you'll excuse me fer bein' so free. Ye see, yer laid it on purty thick about the Noo Jerulalem bein' paved with gold an' all that, an' then ye went on ter say that the other place wuz full of everlastin' fire."

"But surely there is nothing wrong in that."

"Mebbe not, parson, mebbe not. I don't say but what that kind of talk might ketch the people in the States, but up here in the Klondike country it's different. I heerd some of the boys sayin' after the sermon that if it come to a choice between gold pavements an' everlasting' fire they'd take the fire ev'ry time. An' ye kain't blame 'em neither, considerin' that the thermometer is down to fifty below zero an' still a droppin'."

A Klondike Episode.

Frost-Bitten Pete was lounging in a corner of the bar of the Glazier House, taking no interest in the jollification that was in progress. A tenderfoot who had just come shivering over the trail was being warmed up by a gang of choice spirits who kept him busy dancing and swallowing chunks of frozen whiskey. As the new-comer warmed up and the deadly-liquor began to thaw he became desperate, and with a quick twist of his hand whipped a revolver from his pocket. It was as pretty a 22-calibre revolver as was ever seen on the Klondike.

With a blood-curdling roar Frost-Bitten Pete jumped into the crowd and caught the tenderfoot by the wrist.

"Gimme that!" he said grasping at the enamelled toy.

The startled tenderfoot made no resistance.

"Here," said the burly desperado, handing over a small repeating cannon that he drew from his belt; "don't say that I disarmed you. If you want to mix with these gentlemen go on. I just want the loan of this little thing until to-morrow morning, for Avalanche Sall has agreed to accept a pair of earrings I have made for her if I will pierce her ears for her, and I think this little thing will do the trick to perfection."

This public confession that he was in love accounted for his quietness during the first part of the jollification, and as the tenderfoot was quick-witted enough to ask all hands to drink to the prospective bride, what might have been a tragedy ended in a glorious drunk.—Journal.

Wants His Leg Back.

After thirty years of hobbling about the world on crutches, General Daniel E. Sickles is about to petition the Government he fought for to give back to him his leg.

He lost it in "Bloody Angle," at Gettysburg. It found its way by devious ways into the Army Museum at Washington.

Blackened with the erosion of years, stripped down to the bare and shattered bones, it hangs on two brass rods, cheek by jowl with the articulated skeleton of a walrus.

Here every year the old General seeks it out, gazing dumbly at it, with an unutterable longing to have it buried, as the dead past which it represents is buried.

"It is my leg," the old hero argues, "and it belongs to me now just as much as it did when my battalion went into action on the second day of Gettysburg."

There is no label upon the leg of the Major General to blazon these facts to the public, for, as a matter of fact, the Army Medical Museum at Washington does not encourage amateur investigation into either its records or its specimen cases. The leg has no place of special prominence. It is simply in the "shot fracture" case with a lot of others, and only its size and character distinguish it. But General Sickles knows that it is his, and, whether from sentiment or superstition, he wants it. He will, it is said, petition Congress to restore the member, if the museum authorities continue to hold it against his will.

Too Grand for His Taste.

After the failure of Le Grand B. Lockwood, some years ago, his magnificent place at Stamford, including furniture and fixtures, was advertised for sale. Among the rich men who visited his house with the view of purchasing was Thomas L Scott, then president of the Pennsylvania railroad. It happened that he remained late in the evening and had to remain all night. Bedtime approached, and he went to his room. Presently there was a tugging at bells, followed by an inrush of servants. "Get me an old blanket," said the autocrat of the biggest railroad system in the world. "Any old thing will do. I want to sleep on the floor." Nothing could induce him to touch the bed. The sheets had a lace border a foot wide the sight of which filled the simple old magnate with fear, and trembling.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

PAT AND THE ADMIRAL

Or How a Situation Was Saved by Irish Wit.

A strict rule promulgated by every successive commandant at the Navy Yard prohibits smoking on Mare Island under the most stringent penalties. Admiral Miller, sauntering one recent afternoon through a distant part of the island, says the San Francisco Wave, came upon an Irish Laborer digging a trench, and smoking a short, black pipe. He was puffing away serenely, unconscious of the regulations and with evident enjoyment. The Admiral, who was in undress uniform, stopped.

"Don't you know, sir, that smoking is absolutely prohibited in the Navy Yard?" he said.

The Irishman looked up and, with a kindly smile, answered:

"Indade, that's true, but here am I all be meself, wid not a sowl to say a wurrud to, and I thought I'd take a puff or two to relave the silence."

"The regulations are explicit, sir," rebuked the Admiral, "and the silence does not excuse you. What's your name, s'r?"

"An' who may you be, anyway?" asked the Irishman.

"I'm Admiral Miller."

"Ah, 'tis the new Armiral ye are. 'Tis the fat job ye have, Admiral. Be careful to kape it. Me name's Pat McGinnis."

"Report at my office this afternoon without fail, McGinnis," said Miller, who could hardly keep from laughing.

At five o'clock poor Patrick, who had made up his mind there would be the devil to pay, tramped over to headquarters, and the orderly ushered him into the dreaded presence of the Admiral, who said:

"Sit down, Pat."

Pat sat down. Miller touched a bell. The orderly appeared.

"Bring a bottle of champagne and two glasses," he said.

Not a word was spoken until the wine arrived. The Admiral filled the two glasses and pushed one over toward the Irishman.

"Pat," he said, "give me the pipe. You'll not need it again."

The mystified laborer obeyed.

"Now," said the Admiral, "drink hearty, Pat, but you'll keep your job as long as I'll keep mine."

Nor is this the first situation saved by Irish wit.

The Champion Snorer.

"Ain't you afraid your house on Madison avenue will be robbed while you are away?"

"There is no danger. Old Jackson sleeps there every night."

"But he is old and feeble, and could offer but little resistance to burglars."

"That makes no difference. He snores so loud and peculiar that the burglars who try to get into the house think there are at least three mn inside, and run for their lives."

He Couldn't be Discouraged.

Comedian Jimmy Cook, the clever vaudeville artist, is a native of this city, born and raised on the West Side. James, during his boyhood days, was what is termed a clever "sidewalk comedian"—that is, he was a great entertainer and jolly good fellow among his associates. About twelve years ago the idea of amateur nights at the museums, then in their prime, was suggested, and many who had, and many who hadn't, talent were induced to make an appearance on the museum stage. Cook got mixed up with one of these assemblages one night, and as he could dance and sing a bit and tell what he thought were funny stories, he decided to give himself a trial. Manager Frank Drew, who on these occasions was more particular to secure bad talent, and the worse the better, than he was to have good, readily consented to Mr. Cook's proposition. The act was so bad it was funny, but Mr. Cook thought it was all right, for after that he insisted upon going on at every performance, there being ten or twelve each day. To this arrangement Mr. Drew seriously objected, but the objection cut no ice with Jimmy. He went on just the same, and kept doing so, until he became a perfect pest about the museum; so much so, in fact, that Mr. Drew was finally obliged to hire an extra man to keep him off the stage. This was twelve years ago and it is quite different now. Mr. Drew has to salaam to Mr. Cook in order to keep him on the stage, and the green boy with the bad act is one of the leading comedians of the day.

Hired Him Over Again.

The following story from the St. Louis Globe Democrat illustrates several things:

When J. W. Sherwood, now general superintendend of the Clover Leaf, was superintendent of the Big Four, he had to discharge a brakeman for violation of rules. The man hung about the office, asking for a letter of recommendation. To get rid of him, Mr. Sherwood told W. A. Sullivan, who was his chief clerk, to write the letter. This Mr. Sullivan did. The man went out, and returned in half an hour.

"What's the matter now?" asked Mr. Sherwood.

"That letter you gave me is all right, isn't it?"

"Of course it is. That ought to get you a job anywhere."

"Well, I wish you would read this letter of recommendation I've got, Mr Sherwood, and give me a job.',

Sherwood took the letter on which his own name was hardly dry, read it carefully, and remarked:

"I am well acquainted with Sherwood, and any one he recommends must be all right. You report to the trainmaster, and tell him to put you to work."

WHISTLED ANNIE LAURIE.

He Then Proceeded to Clean Out the Clinic.

Dr. Edward Ricketts, of Cincinati, is one of the largest men physically and mentally in the Southern Surgical and gynecological association. He is known as a daring and skillful operator, and has achieved reputation by his contributions to medical journals on abdominal surgery. Those who know the doctor say he is as brave ordinarily as Julius Ceasar. Yet, like the Styx-dipped Achilles, he has a vulnerable spot.

The story told on the general surgeon come from his home, Cincinati. He was invited by a fellow physician to be present at a peculiarly difficult demonstration. Dr. Ricketts was late in arriving, and was forced to take a position on the outer edge of the circle of doctors and students. Nothing had been said about the condition of the subject, and he supposed it was a cadaver. The figure was that of a giant Teuton, and to all appearances was perfectly rigid. Not a muscle stirred and no breathing was perceptible.

The location of the operation was exposed. and the operator, grasping his knife, advanced to the patient. As the cold steel touched the flesh, a startling thing happened. From beneath the flaxen mustache of the form on the table the familiar notes of "Annie Laurie," whistled clearly distinctly. The effect on the company was electrical. The operating surgeon's knife fell with a rattle to the floor, the students rushed for the door, and the older physicians stood transfixed with amazement. Clear and sweet came the notes of the old song, even to the last bar. Then the tune was switched to "Die Wacht am Rhein." By the time this was completed the room was empty of students, but the veteran physicians remained at their posts. Suddenly the subject sat up. As he gazed over the row of white-aproned figures a wild light sprang into his eyes. With a yell he leaped from the table, and dealt the nearest physician a stunning blow in the face; then he attacked the others. Chairs, tables book cases were demolished.

The physicians got outside and waited the cooling of the German's passion. Gradually he became calmer until at last he sank exhausted in a chair. The medical men advanced in a body and demanded an explanation. The patient could give none. For a time he was crazy. Dr. Ricketts was informed that the man had been under the influence of an anaesthetic and was asked to assist in the operation.

The patient insisted that the work go on, and chloroform was substituted for ether. The knives were brought out and an incision was about to be made, when the second time, the strains of "Annie Laurie" fell upon the ears of the company. This time there was no delay. Everybody except Dr. Ricketts fled to the street. A few moments later he too, had to seek refuge from the huge fist of the German, who was again on the rampage. After this second outbreak the demonstration was abandoned. The strange consequences of the anaesthetic were never satisfactorily explained by the medical fraternity, but to this day Dr. Ricketts cannot hear the strains of the old Scotch song without quaking in his shoes and dodging imaginary blows.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Sewed Up for the Winter.

Teachers in the public schools of a large city hear many stories, some of them amusing, some of them pathetic. A young woman who teaches in a kindergarten in Boston, upon learning that one of her pupils was sick, went to visit her.

The teacher had been to Katie's home before, and so had no difficulty in finding the two little rooms at the top of a tenement house where Katie and her mother lived. The mother was absent, and Katie, well wrapped up, was sitting up in bed.

After the usual inquiries and condolences, the teacher noticed that the little girl seemed to speak with some difficulty, and said:

"Katie, I am going to examine your lungs."

"Yes'm," responded the child, dutifully, and Miss C. began to loosen the child's waist. After removing it, she found layer after layer of flannel, which she unfastened with some difficulty. Satisfying herself that there was no danger of pneumonia, she began to replace the child's dress, when Katie began to cry.

"Mother'll be awful mad at you when she gets home and finds what you've done."

"Why, Katie, what have I done?"

"You've unfastened all my flannels, and ma had just got me sewed up for the winter."—Youth's Companion.

The Discovery of Gold

Measures are being taken to make the parade of the golden Jubilee, celebrating the discovery of gold in California, the finest pageant ever seen on this coast, says a correspondent in the New York Tribune. Prizes will be offered for the most artistic floats, and every effort will be made to give a realistic history of the state. All survivors of pioneer days will have places in the procession, and there will be a liberal representation of cowboys, Mexican vaqueros, Indians and prospectors. Probably the generation will be a reproduction of an old emigrant train, with actual "prairie schooners" used by the pioneers, and with real Indians who formerly harassed the emigrants and attacked them when they were careless or weak in numbers. Another feature of the parade that will commend it, especially to tourists, is the Chinese division. The orientals will turn out in full force, and they promise to furnish a spectacle greater than ever been seen here on a Chinese New Year.

A Monster Gun.

They are now building a gun for Uncle Sam which will weight 126,000 tons and will cost $250,000. The projectile wil weight 2,300 pounds and it will take a smal car load of powder to fine a shot. It will throw the projectile as far as fifteen miles. The gun is to be part of the New York harbor defenses. Such a gun will smash the best iron clad in the waters. It will be impossible for any vessel to enter the harbor. for the defense of the city it is worth a whole fleet at sea. The ingot from which the gun will be made is 6½ feet through by 50 feet long. This is an age of peace.—Iowa State Register.

A Minister's Trials.

This narrative from a minister is of greatest value to those whose nerves are unstrung, health shattered or otherwise ailing. It is particularly appropriate in this age of active, nervous, endless labor.

We are living too fast. "Fast as lightning," expresses it, for we talk by electricity, cook by electricity, travel by electricity and so on.

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We crowd too much; crowd our work, crowd our eating, crowd our pleasure, crowd our sleeping.

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"My wife urged me to try the pills some more, feeling that my life depended upon the result.

"I continued to take them.

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Andree: His Balloon and his Expedition, from materials furnished by the brother of Mr. Sringberg, Andree's companion. *Seen Hedinem Unexplored Asia,* a story of remarkable adventure and endurance. *Landor in Thibet.* His own story. He was captured, tortured and finally escaped to India. *Jackson in the Far North.* The famous explorer writes of the years he lived in regions far north of the boundaries of human habitation.

NANSEN The great Arctic explorer has written an article on the possibilities of reaching the North Pole; on the methods that the next expedition should adopt, and the important scientific knowledge to be gained by an expedition; concerning the climate, the ocean currents, depths and temperature of the water, etc. This knowledge will be of the greatest value to science.

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Eggs per dozen	.17
Lard per lb	07
Ham per pound	.10
Pork, whole, per pound	.06
Beef, quarter, per pound	.07
Wheat per bushel	1 00
Oats " "	30
Rye " "	.50
Wheat flour per bbl	5.50
Hay per ton	12 to $14
Potatoes per bushel, new,	.90
Turnips " "	.25
Onions " "	1 00
Sweet potatoes per peck	.35
Tallow per lb	.05
Shoulder " "	.08
Side meat " "	.08
Vinegar, per qt	.05
Dried apples per lb	.05
Dried cherries, pitted	.12
Raspberries	.12
Cow Hides per lb	.3½
Steer " " "	.05
Calf Skin	.80
Sheep pelts	.75
Shelled corn per bus	.50
Corn meal, cwt	1.50
Bran, "	.85
Chop "	.90
Middlings "	.85
Chickens per lb new	.11
" " " old	11
Turkeys " "	.12½
Geese " "	.14
Ducks " "	08

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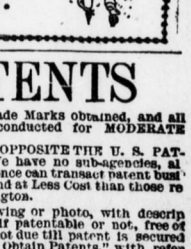

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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25th, 1898.

Senator Morgan's plain talk, in a speech against Senator Allen's attempt to make the recognition of Cuban belligerency a rider to an appropriation bill, was refreshing in these days of tricky statesmanship. He said that he had voted for the belligerency resolution that the Senate had adopted last May—he was its author—and that he was not only ready to vote for the same thing again as an independent measure, but was ready to vote for a declaration of war against Spain, which he regarded as more proper than attempting to sneak a belligerency declaration through by attaching it to an appropriation bill. He added that he had always believed that Spain and the United States would fight over Cuba, and that he still believed it; that he had always believed that as soon as Spain realized that it had lost Cuba, it would seek a war with us, in order to save Spanish pride by making it appear to their people at home that it was the United States that secured Cuban freedom.

Things are looking decidedly better in Washington, to those who believe that it is better to fight than to be trampled upon and spit upon, than they were last week. Members of the administration are still talking peace, but they have quit trying to cram the "accident" theory of the loss of the Maine down men's throats, and what is better than all, they are preparing to fight. They still claim to have no more information than they have given to the public, and to be waiting for the report of the Naval Court of inquiry, now sitting in Havana harbor, in order to ascertain whether the Maine was accidentally blown up or was blown up by a Spanish torpedo. Their claims are not worrying anybody so long as they are going ahead energetically making preparations for that war with Spain which a majority of Congress now regard as inevitable. In fact, Mr. McKinley is said to have become convinced by reports from Gen. Fitz. Lee, and other United States Consuls in Cuba, that regardless of the Maine catastrophe the time has about come when we must intervene in behalf of Cuba or eat the threat of doing so. after giving Spain an opportunity to try its autonomy fake, made in his annual message to Congress. Those consular reports, which show beyond the shadow of a doubt that autonomy in Cuba is dead beyond hope of resurrection, have been called for by both the House and Senate. Mr. McKinley has held them back, he says because of the excitement caused by the wreck of the Maine; but it is probable that his knowledge that he must act after they are laid before Congress also had something to do with the delay. Unless all signs fail, he is getting ready to act, and not a minute too soon either.

The administration is much alarmed about the success of Hawaiian annexation, and fresh efforts are being made to get enough votes to ratify the treaty in the Senate, in order to keep the matter from getting before the House at all. This fresh alarm was started by Representative H. U. Johnson of Indiana, who surprised everybody by making a corking good speech against the policy of annexation, in general, and especially against the annexation of Hawaii, while the Sundry Civil bill was under consideration. The applause given Mr. Johnson from his own side of the house indicates that more republicans will vote against a resolution for annexation than had been put down in the opposite column, and the administration fears that annexation will be defeated in the House, if it gets before that body. There are about 20 democrats in the House who would vote for annexation.

Representative Perkins, of Iowa, is the latest republican who tried to take a fall out of Jerry Simpson and failed, as the following dialogue, which occurred in connection with a few remarks of Jerry concerning the tendency of present conditions to make millionaires and paupers, will show: Perkins—"Would you object to being a millionaire?" Simpson—"I should not. I don't believe in playing the hypocrite. But that I am not a millionaire is evidence of my disinclination to take advantage of my fellow-men." Perkins—"If you were a millionaire, I presume you would admit that there is some respectability among them?" Simpson—"Yes, I have no doubt I should add at least an air of respectability to them." The shouts of laughter convinced Mr. Perkins that he had enough.

Czar Reed has not yet given his consent for the House to pass the bill authorizing the enlistment of two additional regiments of artillery in the army, which the Senate has passed, and without which it will be impossible to man a number of heavy batteries which have been established in connection with our system of sea coast defenses, but public opinion in favor of this legislation is making itself so distinctly felt in Washington that he will probably see the wisdom of doing so.

A Peculiar Case.

One of the most remarkable cases of peculiar humanity the Ebensburg Mountaineer has ever heard of is that of a man named Brown, who lives just over the line in Pine township, Indiana county. He is a middle-aged man, and a long time ago had dyspepsia. From this he went to bed, where, with the exception of about one hour each day—between 3 and 4 o'clock p. m.—he has lain for twenty years. At 3 o'clock he arises and eats a very hearty meal, after which he returns straightway to his couch. He is apparently healthy and in good humor excepting when they try (as they have by every expedient) to get him out of bed when he fights like a tiger.

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Overcrowded Professions.

As means of making a living the professions of law and medicine have been much overworked in our country. So has writing for newspapers and magazines. It is perhaps not too much to say either that there are likewise more ministers of the gospel than there are pulpits for them to fill. Doctors' signs in a town or city are as plentiful as beer saloons, while lawyers' offices are only a little less numerous.

Present conditions indicate that in choosing a life work it will be much better for an average young man to enter the commercial or manufacturing line or else to become a first class farmer, and stock breeder than to be a doctor, lawyer or preacher. People must always eat; they must always wear clothing, and they need thousands of things that will always have to be made and sold.

The editor of The Century, in discussing this subject, gives it as his judgment that it is vastly better to be a successful business man, with abundant income, than to write an ordinary book. He quotes approvingly the remark of a millionaire whose son had written a book and proposed then to quit literature and enter his father's business firm. The millionaire said:

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Food for Ponder.

Although it often happens that experience runs directly counter to what might have been expected, and cause and effect work out strange results, there is one consequence of this Maine explosion that is so very strongly at variance with what was looked for that it is worth special attention. When the crash came, and the ship sank like a vast iron coffin with her two hundred and fifty seamen buried alive in the time of a clap of thunder; when the news of this was flashed over the country, the officials of the navy department seemed warranted in assuming that there would be some little difficulty in enlisting men to fill the vacancies thus caused. The papers were printing lists of similar calamities. If modern war ships are subject to such accidents men will be shy of them. This seems a reasonable conclusion. And yet to-day the naval recruiting offices are literally swamped with applicants for enlistment. Instead of discouraging applications for enlistment the effect of the disaster has been to stimulate such applications, and Commander Hawley, of the enlistment bureau, is quoted as declaring that if five thousand men were needed he could get them at once, and have the pick of many times that number.

What's the cause? Patriotism or a mere craving for adventure?—*Ex*

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QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

It is calculated that the yearly amount of food, water, and air which a man receives in the aggregate, comes to about a ton and a half.

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The forests of the United States cover one quarter of the entire country, and over $1,000,000 worth of timber is cut every year.

Durham Bull is the name of a farmer in Greenwood county, Mo., whose mother's name was Ann Durham and his father's Jonathan Bull.

Fifty of every 100 school children in Munich have their homes elsewhere in Bavaria. The cost to the city is $27 for each pupil per year.

Birmingham, Eng., turns out every year 300,000,000 buttons, 4000 miles of wire of different sizes, five tons of hairpins, 500 tons of nuts and 20,000 pairs of spectacles.

The Vienna Medical Society has awarded the Goldberger prize of 1000 gulden (about $400) to Dr. Ruhemann, of Berlin, for his phamphlet on the question, "Is Catching Cold a Cause of a Disease?"

In the state of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, the government has ordered that the pupils in all the official schools shall be taught to perform all manual tasks as well with the left hand as with the right.

Of the 250 stamps which have been issued, the values have ranged from one cent to $5000. Five dollars is the highest value among postage stamps, but newspaper stamps reach the $100 mark, while a revenue stamp may represent $5000.

Chimneys are very fickle. You can build one all right in theory, but when it comes down to practice that is another matter. But two chimneys side by side in precisely the same manner. Employ the best skilled labor and construct them exactly on the same principles. One may draw all right, while the other smokes like a pipe.

The great wall of China was recently measured by Mr. Unthank, an American engineer. His measurement gave the height at 18 feet. Every few hundred yards there is a tower 25 feet high. For 1200 miles the wall goes over plains and mountains, every foot of the foundation being of solid granite and the rest of the structure solid masonry.

WHERE IS ANDREE?

It is now nearly three quarters of a yeas since the bold Norwegian, Andree, sailed out of all human sight in his balloon, in the hope of reaching the North Pole. Experts in Arctic travel and exploration are far from convinced that he is lost; indeed they are quite confident that he will yet be heard from. One of them, Mr. Walter Wellman, who himself conducted an expedition into the Arctic in 1894, will review the chances for and against Andree's safety in an article in *McClure's Magazine* for March.

In the same number of *McClure's* will be published what is probably the last word written by any member of the Andree party before they began their flight from Danes' Island. It is a letter written just before the balloon started by Nils Stindberg (one of the two men who accompanied Andree) to his father, and gives a very interesting view of the bold aeronauts on the eve of their hardy adventure. Along with this letter will appear letters from Stindberg's father, written to a son in New York, giving new information regarding the expedition and its members. These letters, and also Mr. Wellman's article, will be illustrated from hitherto unpublished photographs taken by the authorized photographers of the expedition.

The annual catalogue of Lafayette College, at Easton, shows a faculty of twenty-eight members, with a roll of 314 students, who are about equally divided between the classical and technical courses of study. The senior class numbers 55. Numerous valuable prizes are offered for meritorious work in the several departments. Another has just been founded by a bequest from Howard Worcester Gilbert, of Chester County. It consists of a gold medal bearing the portrait of King Alfred, of the value of fifty dollars, to be given biennially for excellence in the study of old English.

The library has received a long list of gifts during the past year. The requirements for admission to the technical courses are to be increased after this year, and a number of preparatory schools of high grade have been empowered to grant certificates which enable a student to enter college without examination.

Though the institution met a severe loss in the burning of Pardee Hall in December last, it is pleasing to note that its reconstruction is now going on.

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Decay of the Sunday-School.

The Average Sunday-School of To-day is a Rebuke to Intelligence.

In the March *Ladies' Home Journal* Edward Bok writes on "The Decay of the Sunday-School," and points out the reasons thereof. "I have in mind," he says, "not less than twelve different men who are acting as superintendents of our Sunday-schools. Not one of these men has even a suggestion of force; not a spark of personal magnetism, not a personal possession which goes to draw children to him or to the school over which he presides. In five of these cases the men have been failures in business: by men in the outer world they are passed over, and yet the church places them in positions which call pre-eminently for every element which they so distinctly lack. To be a successful head of a Sunday-school calls for a man with the instincts of leadership: a man who will infuse life into the school: hope and courage into his teachers: who is fertile of mind and infinite in capacity: who can draw children to him and retain their interest. Not only must he elevate his children in a spiritual sense, but lessons of the highest morality must be taught: an influence refining to mind and nature must be exhaled, and all the time the interest of the children must be arrested and held. Infinite variety of method must be sought. The young quickly tire of anything which long remains the same, and that is why they are tiring of the Sunday-school. It has too long remained the same. It has fallen into a rut, and the fault lies between the presiding spirits of the school who have no ability for their positions, and the churches who have placed them there or allowed them to remain." Mr. Bok concludes his discussion with the assertion that "the average Sunday-school of to-day is a rebuke to intelligence and a discredit to the church."

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STATIONS.	EAST. A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
NORTHUMBERLAND	6 25	1.50	10 00	5 50
Cameron	6 38	.....	.....	6 03
Chulasky	.....	.....	.....	6 07
Danville	6 50	2 12	10 21	6 13
Catawissa	7 03	2 26	....	6 28
Rupert	7 09	2 31	10 36	6 33
Bloomsburg	7 15	2 36	10 41	6 39
Espy	7 23	2 42	10 46	6 45
Lime Ridge	7 30	2 48	.....	6 52
Willow Grove	7 34	2 52	.....	6 56
Briarcreek	7 38	.....	.....	7 00
Berwick	7 48	3 01	11 02	7 06
Beach Haven	7 54	3 07	....	7 12
Hick's Ferry	8 00	3 13	...	7 19
Shickshinny	8 10	9 24	11 21	7 35
Hunlock's	8 20	3 34	.....	7 47
Nanticoke	8 27	3 42	11 36	7 54
Avondale	8 32	3 47	.....	7 58
Plymouth	8 37	3 52	11 43	8 03
Plymouth Junction	8 42	3 57	.....	8 07
Kingston	8 50	4 05	11 52	8 12
Bennett	8 53	4 08	.....	8 16
Forty Fort	8 56	4 11	.....	8 19
Wyoming	9 01	4 17	12 00	8 25
West Pittston	9 06	4 22	.....	8 30
Susquehanna Ave	9 10	4 25	12 07	8 33
Pittston	9 15	4 30	12 10	8 39
Duryea	9 19	4 34	.....	8 44
Lackawanna	9 24	4 37	.....	8 48
Taylor	9 32	4 45	....	8 57
Bellevue	9 37	4 50	.....	9 02
SCRANTON	9 42	4 55	12 30	9 07

STATIONS.	WEST. A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SCRANTON	6 00	10 20	1 55	6 00	
Bellevue	6 05	....	.....	.....	
Taylor	6 10	10 28	2 05	6 10	
Lackawanna	6 18	10 35	2 13	6 17	
Duryea	6 22	10 38	2 16	6 21	
Pittston	6 28	10 42	2 20	6 25	
Susquehanna Ave	6 32	10 45	2 23	6 28	
West Pittston	6 35	10 48	2 27	6 31	
Wyoming	6 40	10 53	2 32	6 36	
Forty Fort	6 45	....	..	....	
Bennett	6 48	11 0	2 39	6 44	
Kingston	6 54	11 04	2 45	6 53	
Plymouth Junction	6 59	..	2 5	.....	
Plymouth	7 04	11 12	2 54	7 03	
Avondale	7 09	..	2 58	7 07	
Nanticoke	7 14	11 20	3 02	7 12	
Hunlock's	7 20	11 30	3 10	7 18	
Shickshinny	7 31	11 40	3 24	7 35	
Hick's Ferry	7 44	11 50	3 35	7 47	
Beach Haven	7 54	11 55	3 42	7 58	
Berwick	8 00	12 00	3 49	8 06	
Briarcreek	8 06	..	3 55	....	
Willow Grove	8 10	12 10	3 59	8 11	
Lime Ridge	8 14	12 15	4 04	8 15	
Espy	8 21	12 21	4 11	8 23	
Bloomsburg	8 28	12 27	4 17	8 30	
Rupert	8 34	12 32	4 23	8 36	
Catawissa	8 40	12 36	4 35	8 41	
Danville	8 55	12 49	4 43	8 58	
Cattlasky	....	..	4 49	....	
Cameron	9 05	12 58	4 54	9 10	
NORTHUMBERLAND	9 20	1 10	5 08	9 25	
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	

Connections at Rupert with Philadelphia & Reading Railroad for Tamanend, Tamaqua, Williamsport, Sunbury, Pottsville, etc. At Northumberland with P. & E. Div. P. & R. for Harrisburg, Lock Haven, Emporium Warren, Corry and Erie.

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SOUTH.— ARRIVE.	B. & S. R. R.	—NORTH LEAVE
a.m. a.m. p.m. p.m.	STATIONS.	a.m. p.m. p.m. a.m.
7.10 11.45 6.30 2.15	Bloomsb'g.	8.34 2.40 6.45 6.10
7.08 11.40 6.26 2.10	" P. & R.	8.36 2.42 6.47
7.03 11.37 6.24 2.08	" Main st..	8.39 2.45 6.50
6.53 11.27 6.12 1.50	Paper Mill.	8.48 2.54 7.01 6.37
6.50 11.23 6.09 1.45	Light St.	8.52 2.59 7.05 6.50
6.40 11.13 5.59 1.30	Orangeville.	9.02 3.10 7.14 7.10
6.29 11.03 5.48 1.00	Forks	9.10 3.20 7.24 7.35
6.25 11.00 5.44 12.53	Zaner's	9.14 3.24 7.28 7.45
6.18 10.55 5.37 12.45	Stillwater	9.20 3.30 7.33 8.00
6.08 10.45 5.27 12.3	Benton	9.30 3.40 7.43 8.30
6.04 10.40 5.22 12.10	Edson's	9.34 3.44 7.47 8.40
6.02 10.38 5.20 12.05	Cole's Crk.	9.37 3.47 7.51 8.46
5.53 10.32 5.13 11.53	Laubach	9.47 3.57 8.01 9.00
5.48 10.23 5.03 11.45	Central	9.7 4.07 8.11 9.25
5.40 10.20 5.00 11.30	Jan. City	10.00 4.10 8.15 9.35
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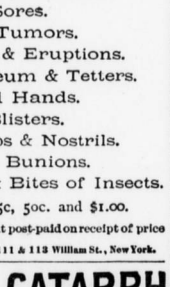

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	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Scranton (D & H) lv	$ 6 45	$ 9 38	$ 2 21	$ 4 41
Pittston "	7 08	f10 00	f 2 43	5 06
Wilkesbarre....lv	$ 7 30	$10 15	$ 3 12	$ 6 00
Plym'th Ferry "	f 7 38	10 20	f 3 21	f 6 08
Nanticoke..... "	7 46	10 27	3 30	6 17
Mocanaqua..... "	8 04	10 45	3 50	6 37
Wapwallopen. "	8 15	10 55	3 58	6 47
Nescopeck ..... ar	8 24	11 10	4 10	7 00
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Pottsville.....lv	$ 6 00	$ 9 40	$12 35	$ 2 42
Hazleton ..... "	7 10	11 35	2 00	5 50
Tomhicken..... "	7 30	11 55	2 20	6 10
Fern Glen..... "	7 38	11 34	2 28	6 18
Rock Glen..... "	7 43	11 40	2 35	6 25
Nescopeck..... ar	8 07	.....	3 00	6 50
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Nescopeck.....lv	$ 8 24	$11 10	$ 4 10	$ 7 00
Creasy..... "	8 33	Via	4 18	7 09
Espy Ferry..... "	f 8 45	Rock	f 4 28	7 18
E. Bloomsburg"	8 47	Glen	4 30	7 23
		P.M.		
Catawissa..... ar	8 55	12 20	4 36	7 30
Catawissa.....lv	8 55	12 20	4 36	7 30
S. Danville..... "	9 14	12 38	4 55	7 47
Sunbury..... "	9 35	1 00	5 17	8 10
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Sunbury.....lv	$ 9 45	$ 1 10	$ 5 34	$ 9 25
Lewisburg....ar	10 15	1 45	6 08	.....
Milton..... "	10 10	1 39	6 05	9 20
Williamsport.. "	11 00	2 30	6 53	10 30
Lock Haven... "	11 59	3 40	7 57	.....
Renovo	A.M.	4 40	8 55	.....
Kane.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....
	P.M.	P.M.		
Lock Haven...lv	$12 10	$3 45	.....	.....
Bellefonte.....ar	1 05	4 44	.....	.....
Tyrone..... "	2 15	6 00	.....	.....
Philipsburg.... "	4 23	8 26	.....	.....
Clearfield..... "	5 06	9 09	.....	.....
Pittsburg ..... "	6 55	11 30	.....	.....
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Sunbury.....lv	50	$ 1 55	$ 5 35	$ 9 30
Harrisburg...ar	$ 1 30	$ 3 20	6 55	$10 10
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.
Philadelphia..ar	$ 3 00	$ 6 23	$10 20	$ 4 30
Baltimore..... "	3 10	6 00	9 45	6 20
Washington "	4 10	f 7 15	$10 55	7 40
	A.M.	P.M.		
Sunbury lv	$10 05	$ 2 25	.....	.....
	P.M.			
Lewistown Jc ar	12 05	$ 4 23	.....	.....
Pittsburg..... "	$ 6 55	$11 30	.....	.....
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Harrisburg..... lv	f 11 45	13 50	f 7 30	$10 20
	P.M.		A.M.	A.M.
Pittsburg.....ar	f 6 55	111 30	$ 2 00	$ 5 30

$ Weekdays. Daily. f Flag station

	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Pittsburg.....lv	f 8 10	f 8 10	f 8 20	f 8 00
Harrisburg.....ar	f 3 30	f 3 30	f10 00	f 3 10
	A.M.	A.M.		P.M.
Pittsburg.....lv	.....	.....	.....	f 8 00
		A.M.		P.M.
Lewistown Jc."	.....	† 7 30	.....	† 3 05
Sunbury..... ar	.....	† 9 .8	.....	† 5 00
	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Washington....lv	f10 40	.....	† 7 50	f10 50
Baltimore..... "	f11 50	f 4 55	† 8 59	f12 00
Philadelphia... "	f11 20	f 4 30	f 8 30	f12 25
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Harrisburg.....lv	f 7 35	f 8 05	f11 40	† 3 55
Sunbury..... ar	f 5 08	f 9 40	1 10	† 5 29
	P.M.		A.M.	A.M.
Pittsburg.....lv	f 1 00	.....	$ 3 30	f 8 00
Clearfield..... "	4 00	.....	.....	9 31
Philipsburg.... "	4 56	.....	.....	10 12
Tyrone..... "	7 15	.....	f 8 10	12 20
Bellefonte..... "	8 31	.....	9 32	1 42
Lock Haven...ar	9 30	.....	10 30	2 43
	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Erie.....lv	f 3 25	.....	.....	.....
Kane..... "	7 05	.....	† 6 27	.....
Renovo..... "	10 25	f 6 40	10 30	.....
Lock Haven.... "	11 11	f 7 33	11 25	f 3 00
	A.M.		P.M.	
Williamsport.. "	12 15	f 8 30	f12 15	4 00
Milton..... "	1 13	9 18	1 13	4 52
Lewisburg..... "	.....	9 05	1 15	4 47
Sunbury..... ar	1 45	9 45	1 55	5 20
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Sunbury.....lv	f 5 25	f 9 55	f 2 00	f 5 43
S. Danville..... "	5 48	10 17	2 21	6 07
Catawissa..... "	6 08	10 35	2 37	6 24
E. Bloomsburg"	Via	10 43	2 43	6 32
Espy Ferry.....	Rock	f10 47	2 47	f 6 36
Creasy..... "	Glen.	10 56	2 55	6 46
Nescopeck....ar	8 07	11 10	3 10	6 59
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Nescopeck.....lv	.....	f11 10	f4 15	f 7 05
Rock Glen..... ar	f 6 32	11 25	4 40	7 31
Fern Glen..... "	6 59	11 43	4 46	7 37
Tomhicken..... "	7 10	11 54	4 55	7 46
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Hazleton ..... "	7 37	12 15	5 18	8 05
Pottsville . "	9 12	1 20	.....	9 42
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Nescopeck..... lv	f 8 07	f11 10	f 3 10	f 6 59
Wapwallopen.ar	8 18	11 22	3 19	7 09
Mocanaqua..... "	8 28	11 32	3 30	7 21
Nanticoke ..... "	8 48	11 54	3 50	7 42
	P.M.			
Plym'th Ferry "	f 8 56	12 02	4 00	7 52
Wilkesbarre.... "	9 05	12 10	4 10	8 00
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Pittston(D & H) ar	f 9 41	f12 49	f 4 52	f 8 36
Scranton " "	10 10	1 16	5 20	9 05

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Leave Catawissa weekdays, 7.00, 8.20 9.10 a. m. 1.30 3.30, 6 08

Leave Rupert, weekdays, 7.08, 8.38, 9.18 11.56 a. m., 1.38, 3.40, 6.16.

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of Beaver township.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE,
(South Side)
WILLIAM T. CREASY,
Catawissa Township.

FOR PRESIDENT JUDGE OF 26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,
R. R. LITTLE,
of Bloomsburg.

William M. Singerly Dies Suddenly.

William M. Singerly died very suddenly at his home in Philadelphia Sunday afternoon. Heart disease was the immediate cause of death. He had been suffering for about ten days with a cold and had remained at home since Wednesday although his indisposition was in no way serious. While sitting in his bedroom smoking a segar he was seized with a violent fit of coughing and immediately afterward fell over dead.

William M. Singerly was proprietor of the "Record" publishing company; president of the Chestnut Street national bank, and the Chestnut Street savings fund trust company, which recently collapsed; and president of the Singerly pulp and paper mill. He was a member of the Fairmount Park commission and until lately its treasurer, and a trustee of the Philadelphia commercial museum.

In 1887, upon the retirement of Governor Pattison from office, Mr. Singerly took an active part in establishing the Chestnut Street national bank, of which the ex-governor became the first president. Upon Mr. Pattison being called for a second time to the governorship of Pennsylvania Mr. Singerly succeeded him as president of the bank, and also became president of the Chestnut Street saving fund and trust company.

Mr. Singerly was always an active Democrat. In 1894 he was unanimously made the Democratic candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, and entered with great energy into the canvass, speaking in nearly every county in the state. In all he made over seventy speeches in upholding the cause of Democracy. The normal Republican majority was too great to be overcome and his competitor, General Hastings, carried off the prize.

During the national campaign he supported the Palmer and Buckner ticket, making a number of speeches in its behalf in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, and organizing a local association in aid of the movement. He also took an active part in forming the Pennsylvania bankers' association. Financial misfortune overtook Mr. Singerly during the last few months of his life when, on December 23 last, the Chestnut Street national bank and trust company were compelled to close their doors. Messrs. Earle and Cook were made assignees of the trust company and managers of a plan looking to the liquidation of the affairs of both institutions. Mr. Singerly promptly turned over to them every personal asset he possessed, including his interest in the "Record." Since then a receiver has been appointed for the bank and the affairs of it and the trust company are in process of settlement.

INDEMNITY.

What we Claim From Spain for the Maine.

If the Court of Inquiry holds Spain responsible for the disaster to the Maine it is estimated that the amount of indemnity to be asked is placed by competent authorities at $13,000,000.

This is on the basis of $5,000,000 for the battleship, $5000 each for every human life lost and $6,500,000 for the expenses incurred by the United States and the loss of the vessel's service. This sum will be immediately demanded and pressure brought to secure payment in the event that Spanish responsibility is established.

The presentation of this demand for indemnity will be the first step to follow a verdict by the Court of Inquiry. The possibilities of war with Spain will be contingent upon her willingness to pay such an indemnity and make other suitable reparations.

Should Have Been Done Long Ago.

The hysterical haste with which the government authorities are pushing the preparations for the defence of the comparatively unprotected seaports against the attack of an enemy, shows that such measures were neglected while the country has been drifting into a dangerous situation. Ordnance and ammunition that should have been on hand ready for use, are being hurriedly manufactured. Last Sunday workmen were engaged all day in a snow storm putting heavy guns in position in some of the uncompleted fortificatcns around New York. And it has been just discovered that New York harbor might be protected by submarine torpedoes, the fatal effect of which has been demonstrated in Havana harbor by what was probably a treacherous trick on our warship, which was sent down there without proper precaution against such treatment. If we should happen to drift into a war with even so comparatively weak a power as Spain, we are afraid that we should find our nation far from being thoroughly prepared for it, notwithstanding the hundreds of millions that are expended by our government, annually, in matters that are of no substantial benefit to the country. —*Ex.*

The History of a Month.

History is being made rapidly these days. Event has succeeded event with such startling rapidity that few well-informed persons even have been able to keep a coherent idea of what is occurring. It may be well to give the record of the month with the date of the principal events arranged in a consecutive manner, as follows:—

Jan. 24—The Maine ordered to Havana.

Jan. 25—Vessel arrives in Havana.

Feb. 9—The De Lome letter published.

Feb. 14—Formal demand made on Spain for disavowal of the De Lome insult.

Feb. 15—The Maine destroyed in Havana harbor.

Feb. 17—De Lome's letter formally disavowed.

Feb. 21—Court of Inquiry opens at Havana.

Feb. 22—Signs of Government preparation for an emergency.

Feb. 24—Belief in Spain's complicity in the Maine explosion steadily strengthening.

These are the leading events of the month which ended last week. One event, however, which is probably the most significant of all but which cannot be credited to any particular day, is the self-restraint and self-poise of the American people exhibited all through this trying period. They have proved that they are not a nation of hotheads but a stable, balanced people, capable of meeting a crisis temperately but firmly, while ready for any emergency.

All these events will find place in history and make the present period one of the most interesting and momentous in the closing years of the Nineteenth Century. It is well to keep track of them to-day also.—*Press.*

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS ITEMS.

—The grangers of Clearfield county have all adopted resolutions asking Congress to discontinue the free seed delivery. They say such delivery does the farmers no good.

—The body of Williams who was drowned in the river at Montgomery on the morning of November 29, last, has been found along the shore of Elk River, near Reybold Md., 200 miles from where the drowning occurred.

—The Knights of Malta in Philadelphia and vicinity are making arrangements to celebrate the 850th anniversary of the Order, by giving a grand banquet in a prominent hotel, on the evening of St. John's Day, June 24th next, at which it is expected to have a number of Grand and Supreme officers present.

—The Pennsylvania railroad has given out orders for the construction of 100 locomotives at its own shops. The engines will be of various capacity and designs, and will be distributed all over the system. It is customary to assign the locomotive construction work at this season of the year, but 100 is an unusually large number for a preliminary order. Last year only seventy-five were built and it was found necessary later in the year to order 10 more. The highest number built in any one year is 160.

STARTLING CALCULATIONS.

Young Joe Lieter, the nervy broker who showed some of the old time speculators that the rising generation is the real thing, is going to realize heavily on his big wheat deal. The magnitude of this young plunger's deal may be better realized when it is known that the 12,000,000 bushels of wheat which he owns, if made into flour and barreled would reach from Chicago to New York four times, placed end to end and if made into bread would reach around the earth four times placing loaf alongside loaf.

Opportunity For Young Men.

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For tickets, itineraries, and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; Thomas Purdy, Passenger Agent Long Branch District, 789 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.; Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, Pittsburg, Pa.; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station Philadelphia.

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These goods have been selected with the greatest care. Being PRACTICAL TAILORS of long experience, we have selected goods that will give the best wear and satisfaction to our customers. Our chief aim has been to get the very best values the maker could give consistent with quality and make. Our system of doing business will be the same to all, in fact a child can buy of us with the utmost confidence. Our stock is now complete with Spring Novelties. We invite you to call on Friday evening to our MUSICAL OPENING, and be convinced for yourselves that the place to buy your Spring Clothing is at

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The STAR Clothing House of Bloomsburg.

PUBLIC SALE

OF VALUABLE

TOWN LOTS.

The undersigned administrator c. t. a. of Catharine Weaver deceased; also attorney in fact for the heirs of Catharine Weaver, deceased; and the committee of Margaret Weaver will sell at public auction, at the Court House in Bloomsburg on

SATURDAY, MARCH 19th, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m. all that certain lot of ground situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Market Street, between Third and Fourth Streets, bounded as follows: Beginning at a corner on Market Street on line of land of H. C. Hartman, thence along said street south twenty-five degrees fifty-six minutes west seventy-three and seventy one-hundredths feet to a corner of lot of F. D. Dentler, thence along said lot south sixty-four degrees fourteen minutes west one hundred ninety-two and thirty-nine one hundredth feet to an alley, thence along said alley north twenty-five degrees west seventy-two and eighty one hundredth feet to lot of H. C. Hartman aforesaid, thence along said lot north sixty-three degrees fifty-eight minutes east one hundred ninety-one and seventeen one-hundredth feet to Market Street, the place of beginning, whereon is erected a dwelling house, and barn. This is one of the most desirable building lots in Bloomsburg.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten per cent. on day of sale; balance of one-fourth on July 1st., 1898, and the remaining three fourths on April 1st., 1899.

C. W. FUNSTON,
Administrator c. t. a. of Catharine Weaver dec'd and attorney in fact for heirs of Catharine Weaver dec'd.
GEO. E. ELWELL,
Committee of Margaret Weaver.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of E. J. Cole, deceased.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Administrator to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday the 19th day of March A. D. 1898 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, when and where all persons are requested to present their claims against the estate of said deceased or be forever debarred from coming in for a share thereof.

W. A. EVERT, Auditor.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fi. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the court house in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1898,

at two o'clock p. m. the following described real estate situate in Main township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Bounded upon the north by land of William Harmony, east by land of S. C. Beagle, south by land of J. W. John and Mary Bankus and west by land of David John, containing twenty-four acres of land, more or less, upon which is erected a frame dwelling house and stable.

Seized, and taken into execution on the suit of Catharine Decker vs. Wm. and John Harmony and to be sold as the property of John Harmony.

CHRISMAN, Att'y. W. W. BLACK, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pa., and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1898,

at 2 o'clock p m., all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a point in the west line of land of E. C. Caswell, one hundred and thirty and a half feet south of Sixth street; thence along said line south twenty-four degrees and forty-five minutes, east one hundred and eighty and five-tenth feet to a post, twenty-five feet from the center of tract of the most northerly siding of the Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad; thence by land of said Railroad by a right curve with a radius of three hundred and seventy-eight feet for a distance of two hundred and sixty-six feet to a post; thence parallel with said Sixth street, north sixty-four degrees and forty minutes, east one hundred and ninety feet to the place of beginning.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of E. R. Ikeler, assignee, vs. Bernetta Mears et al., and to be sold as the property of Keystone Foundry and Machine Co.

W. W. BLACK, Sheriff

Ikeler & Ikeler, Attorneys. 3-3-ts.

Annual Sale of LADIES' LINGERIE.

Why the Sale? What Inducement?

Not accumulation of odd sizes and unsalable styles from the stock of the past season—*NOT A BIT OF IT!* Every garment fresh from the best manufacturers in the land. No sweatshop rubbish from the dingy lofts of the tenement house—

just the reverse—

THE ROYAL UNDERGARMENTS

It is the cleanest of Underwear fresh from clean well ventilated factories.
It is the perfection of Underwear, cut by the best skilled artists of the cutting table.
It is the best of Underwear, designed, put together and finished by the hands of healthy rosy-cheeked girls.

Remarkable Values Caused the Purchase for the Big Sale.

Plain figure facts of economy is the powerful inducement we offer to the throngs of buyers who attend this sale.

8c. Corset Covers, good muslin, perfect in make, bound edge. 3 to a customer. Match it.

12c. Corset Covers, cambric: nansook edging, pearl buttons. 3 to a customer. Match it.

25c. Corset Covers, Lansdale cambric, 3 styles, square, round and V neck, dainty trimmings. Quantity limited. Match it.

19c. Drawers, good muslin, no trashy cheese cloth kind, two tucks, full size. 3 pair to a customer. Match it.

25c. Drawers, the good old fruit of the loom muslin, five ⅛ inch tucks. 3 pairs to a customer. Match it.

49c. Gowns, good muslin cambric ruffle, pearl buttons, full width and full length. 3 to a customer. Match it.

98c. Gowns, Lansdale muslin, embroidery edging on front, neck and sleeves, cut very full. Quantity limited. Match it.

98c. Cambric, fruit of the loom muslin, variety of new style yokes. Best styles go first. Match it.

85c. Chemises, embroidery edge, low neck, wide ruffle at bottom. Think of such a price. Match it.

28c. to $1.25 Chemises, cambric, nansook and lace edging, all new styles. Quantity limited. Values wonderful.

FLUFFY RUFFLED SKIRTS

That will figure in the enthusiasm of the great under muslin sale, 28c., 49c., 75c., 79c., 98c., $1.00, $1.25, $1.35, $1.50.

We have such confidence in the line that we sell them with returnable privileges good for one week.

DRESS GOODS.

We have had brought to us, and have gone and looked over the lines of Spring Dress Goods that are shown by the best mills in this country, and the best importing houses that we can find, and have made a selection that we think we can suit you all if we get a chance. We put them on sale this week.

F. P. PURSEL.

46 East Main Street.

CORSER'S NEW SHOE STORE.

BLOOMSBURG, PENN'A.

Big Drives--In Shoes!

500 pair Women's shoes, sizes 1 to 4, at

$1.00 A PAIR.

Genuine Dongola Kid, with good soles and counters, always have sold at $2.00 and $2.50. They are small sizes, and for that reason go at $1.00 a pair. They'll not be here long at these prices. If you can't wear them your children can, and they are just as big a bargain for them as for you.

This is weather for gum shoes and gum boots. We have them at lowest prices. Men's gum boots $2.00.

CORSER'S

BLOOMSBURG.

yal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

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THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1898.

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OUR OFFERS FOR 1898.

We are able to offer our subscribers some special inducements for advance payments for 1898.

THE COLUMBIAN, and *New York World*, three times a week, $1.65.

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COLUMBIAN and *Farm News*, 1.00

Subscribe now, and get the benefit of these reduced rates. tf.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Miss Annie Keller of Mifflinville, visited Albert Dent in town over Sunday.

Irwin A. Snyder and wife arrived in town from their wedding trip Monday evening.

Miss Emma Leiser of New York City is visiting friends in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. Henry Lewis of Fairmount Springs, visited relatives in town on Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Van Devender of Northumberland visited friends in town over Sunday.

W. W. Ney, railway postal clerk of Harrisburg visited O. W. Ent a few days last week.

Mrs. D. R. Coffman left on Wednesday for Scranton where she will spend a couple weeks with her daughter.

Ralph Phillips, who attended the annual meeting of the photographers of the State at Bellefonte last week, returned home on Saturday.

George Hart, left town on Friday for North Bend, Clinton County, where he has accepted a position as manager of a drug store. We wish him success.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

The Ladies' Exchange Sale will be held as usual on Saturday morning in Clark's basement.

Will Guernsey, piano tuner, will be in town next Monday. Orders may be left at this office.

The Christians of town will hold services on Sunday over Hess Bros' jewelry store. The services will be conducted by Elder J. W. McNamara.

"He Stands Between Love and Duty," illustrated in real life at the Opera House to-night. Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents.

John G. McHenry of Benton, chairman of the County Committee, comes out in an article in the Bloomsburg *Daily*, declining the democratic nomination for Congressman.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Gold Fish

We have placed ourselves in position to supply our customers with something which is so instructive, entertaining and beautiful, that people wonder why they did not get them long ago. We refer to

Gold Fish and Aquaria.

We have everything you need to start one.

Gold Fish,	20c. each.
Fancy Gold Fish,	50 and 75c. ea.
Globes,	25c to $9.
Aquariums Fitted Out.	60c to $16.

See them in our window.

W. S. RISHTON, Ph. G.,

Opposite P. O. Pharmacist,

March came in like a lamb on Tuesday, the thermometer was about twenty-two degrees above zero, and the day was a beautiful one.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Gidding gave them a hearty welcome on their arrival from their bridal tour on Monday evening.

The editor of a paper in Jackson, Ga., announces that in payment of subscription he is willing to accept "any digestible fruit, except Codfish and grindstones"

A dangerous ten dollar counterfeit is in circulation, purporting to be drawn on the Hibernia national bank of New York. Secret service are working on the case.

Harry Rupert, son of the market gardener, Charles Rupert, had his face severely bruised by being kicked by a horse on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Sylvester Kitchen died at her home in Wellversville on Thursday of last week. The funeral took place on Sunday.

Miss Eva Cherrington, daughter of O. W. Cherrington who was taken sick while on a visit to Philadelphia, is in a critical condition at her home on Normal Hill.

Before jumping headlong into war, Spain and all other countries, for that matter, should not forget that the war department last week reported to congress that the number of men in the United States available for military duty is nearly eleven million.

The numbers of houses as given in Williams latest directory are all incorrect, and as a result the Post office officials and letter carriers are experiencing a great deal of difficulty in delivering mail to the proper places.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, 1898, at the home of the officiating minister, Espy, Pa., Mr. S. W. Howell, Buckhorn, Pa., and Miss Emma Tronsue, Espy, Pa., were united in marriage by Rev. Harry Minsker.

The C. E. Society of the Reformed Church will hold a box social, on Friday evening at the home of Mr. John Pollock on Fifth Street, below West. Each lady is requested to bring a box, and everybody is welcome to come and have a good time.

A series of addresses on Wednesday evenings during Lent are being delivered in the Parish House. The first one was given by Col. J. G. Freeze last night, his subject being "The Church and the Law." Next Wednesday evening the speakers will be Mr. Wirt and Mr. Boggs.

The Bloomsburg Wheelmen held the second of a series of progressive euchre parties at the club house on Third Street Tuesday evening. A large representation of the members were on hand. The prize, an umbrella was awarded to Dr. C. S. Van Horn.

Don't miss seeing the great Chicago fire scene in the "Heart of Chicago," at the Opera House tomorrow night. This strong melodrama is from the pen of Lincoln J. Carter, author of "The Fast Mail," "The Tornado," "The Defaulter," and other stirring melodramas.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bomboy Millard of Centralia, for the marriage of their daughter Mary Elizabeth, to Frank Amstrong Ikeler Esq., son of Judge Ikeler of Bloomsburg. The ceremony will take place in the M. E. Church at Centralia, on Wednesday, March 23rd. at twelve o'clock, noon.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gunton presented a pretty appearance on Monday evening. The event was the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding. The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. About seventy guests were present. Rev. McLinn of the Lutheran Church delivered an appropriate address.

The name of Robert R. Little Esq. is announced this week as a candidate for President Judge of the 26th Judicial District. Mr. Little has been practicing law since September 1874, and his reputation as an able attorney is well known throughout the county. His whole life has been spent in Bloomsburg, and he has filled the position of District attorney for several terms. He is one of the Trustees of the Normal School, and a director of Bloom School District.

Col. A. A. Shissler, one of Sunbury's well known citizens, died at his home in that place on Thursday of last week. He was 58 years, 11 months and 3 days old. He learned the printing trade when quite young. In 1862 he went to Washington and from then on to 1886 he held many important Government positions. The funeral took place on Monday and was in charge of the Masons, of which the deceased was a member.

THE STAR CLOTHING HOUSE.

For some weeks past business has been done at the tailoring and gents' furnishing establishment of John R. Townsend, under difficulties. His store has been torn upside down and inside out while the work of enlargement and improvement has been going on, but now the end of the turmoil has been reached, and we find him not only better equipped than ever, but with an establishment that would be creditable to any city. The store room is more than twice its former size, being now 22 feet wide and 70 feet deep. The back portion is entirely new, and the front part has been newly plastered, painted, new shelving put up, and the show windows with large plate glass have been more than doubled in size, making them the largest show windows in town. Handsome new fixtures have been put up, both for gas and electric light.

An immense stock of new goods has just been received from the cities, and placed upon the shelves and counters. Besides the full line of gentlemen's furnishing goods, hats, neckwear, underwear, shirts &c. that has hitherto been kept, a large and complete assortment of ready made clothing for men, youths and children has been added. These are being opened and arranged, and it is the intention to have a grand opening on Friday evening, to which the public is invited.

Mr. Townsend has been a resident of Bloomsburg for twenty-seven years, and has been identified with much that has been connected with the progress and improvement of the town in that time. For twenty years or more he was the manager of D. Lowenberg's clothing store, and five years ago, he went into business for himself. Tomorrow night's opening will be the fifth anniversary of his first opening. He is ably assisted in his business by his sons, Harry and Joseph.

The custom department will continue to be a leading feature. The basement has been fitted up specially as a work shop for tailoring, and the large force of hands in that department will be retained.

While there is so much else that is new in this store, it has been decided to adopt a new name also, and so it is called the Star Clothing House.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe. 10c. 4 1 1y

Death of a Talented Musician.

Miss Laura Gladys Beach, well known in local musical circles as a pianist and organist, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Eberhardt, 1019 Tatnall street, Wilmington, Del., on Monday, after an illness covering a period of several months.

Miss Beach was born at Bridgeton, N. J., February 19, 1874, and early in life displayed unusual musical talent. About eight years ago she came to Philadelphia to complete her studies, and was almost immediately appointed organist of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Chestnut Hill, where her wonderful playing soon attracted the attention of musicians and musical enthusiasts. After serving at this church for three years she was appointed organist of the Park Avenue M. E. Church, Park avenue and Morris streets, where she played for the past four years, discontinuing only a few months ago on account of impaired health.

As an accompanist Miss Beech was especially well-known to many of the most prominent singers.

Miss Beech was well known in Bloomsburg, and her many friends express feelings of sorrow at her untimely death. A few years ago she gave several organ recitals in the Presbyterian Church.

SCROFULA.

One of America's most famous physicians says: "Scrofula is external consumption." Scrofulous children are often beautiful children, but they lack nerve force, strong bones, stout muscles and power to resist disease. For delicate children there is no remedy equal to

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. It fills out the skin by putting good flesh beneath it. It makes the cheeks red by making rich blood. It creates an appetite for food and gives the body power enough to digest it. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.

50c. and $1.00; all druggists.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

RELIEF FROM PAIN.

Women Everywhere Express their Gratitude to Mrs. Pinkham.

Mrs. T. A. WALDEN, Gibson, Ga., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before taking your medicine, life was a burden to me. I never saw a well day. At my monthly period I suffered untold misery, and a great deal of the time I was troubled with a severe pain in my side. Before finishing the first bottle of your Vegetable Compound I could tell it was doing me good. I continued its use, also used the Liver Pills and Sanative Wash, and have been greatly helped. I would like to have you use my letter for the benefit of others."

Mrs. FLORENCE A. WOLFE, 515 Mulberry St., Lancaster, Ohio, writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For two years I was troubled with what the local physicians told me was inflammation of the womb. Every month I suffered terribly. I had taken enough medicine from the doctors to cure anyone, but obtained relief for a short time only. At last I concluded to write to you in regard to my case, and can say that by following your advice I am now pefectly well."

Mrs. W. R. BATES, Mansfield, La., writes: "Before writing to you I suffered dreadfully from painful menstruation, leucorrhœa and sore feeling in the lower part of the bowels. Now my friends want to know what makes me look so well. I do not hesitate one minute in telling them what has brought about this great change. I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough. It is the greatest remedy of the age."

J. E. ROYS.

IF your watch needs repairing, remember that it does not cost any more, and often not as much, to have it fixed right and put in perfect order, than it does to have some poor workman tinker at it for a while, do more harm than good, and in the end having the bad job all undone at an extra expense, by a

Competent and Fine Watchmaker.

However we get a good many just such jobs during the year.

We do not exaggerate in saying that our tools include the most complete and most expensive in the county.

We are masters of the art, and guarantee fine and honest workmanship.

J. E. ROYS.

A Question.

Commissioner Krickbaum please answer the following question.

Why did you turn off the gas at the jail when I lived there at an expense of $28.50 plumber's bill and $7.50 for three new burners, total $36.00. and since I moved away from the jail paid $1.25 to have it turned on again?

The gas bill for 1896 was $80.90 and for 1897 $69.75 a difference of $11.15. Why did you spend $37.25 to save 11.15? Did you do this for the benefit of the dear taxpayer or for your own personal revenge.

J. B. MCHENRY, Ex-Sheriff.

Bicycles Will Be Cheaper.

Representatives of bicycle firms are now making their trips through the state, and Bloomsburg has had their share of them. The one impressive fact is that fifty dollars will be the retail price of the best products of many of the factories. That price has taken the place of the seventy-five and hundred dollar grades in the catalogue lists of a year or two ago. It will purchase a wheel of the highest finish and latest improvements. Excellent wheels can be purchased at forty dollars and a good serviceable article for twenty-five or thirty dollars cash. The day of the high priced bicycle is past, and increased popularity and greater demand will follow the reduction in price. We predict a big business for our local bicycle dealers the coming season. But one's success is another's loss, and the livery men will have a hard time of it, as the victims of Cupid's dart will take a spin through the summer nights on a bicycle built for two"

CASTORIA

THE KIND YOU HAVE ALWAYS BOUGHT

Has the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher on every wrapper.

CLARKS'.

We call your attention this week to our line of

BLACK DRESS GOODS

in all the leading weaves and styles of the coming season. This Black Dress Goods Stock is second to none for quality, style and price. We buy no tricky black goods; none but the best makes find room here. Our line of the famous

PRIESTLEY'S BLACK GOODS

is now complete, and we claim they are the best black goods made, and so conceded by the trade. None but the best Australian wools are used. All yarn dyed goods. The finish is perfect. We invite you to examine this showing of Black Dress Materials. We think an inspection will repay you.

We here mention four items, but come, see the goods.

42 in. all wool Priestley Poplins, 80c yd., worth to day $1.00 a yd.
48 in. Black Mohair, 59c yd.,
46 in. Drap D'ete, $1 50 yd., worth $1.75.
50 in. all wool Cassimere Serge, 50c yd., worth 62½c.

LINENS. We call your attention to our Linen Department where you will find complete lines of table linens in all grades of bleached and unbleached. Towels in all grades, Napkins, Doylies, Towelings by the yard, Lunch Cloths, Pattern Table Linens. Linen Sets, etc. Prices are in the buyers favor notwithstanding the former tone of the market. See the 72c Bleached Damask; the towels at 29c pair; Turkish towels at 25c pair; toweling at 3½c yd.; plaid linens for cushion covers.

Silverware, Roger's Make, in knives, forks, teaspoons, tablespoons, etc., at prices lower than usual for these high grade goods.

Sheets and Pillow Cases, torn and hemmed, made of best muslins, about as cheap as you would buy the muslin. See the goods, and we think you will be convinced it will not pay to make them.

Fur Baby Carriage Robes at reduced prices.
Wool Undershirts at reduced prices.
Dress Skirts at reduced prices. Try our Skirt, all lined, at $1.49.
Eiderdown House Sacques reduced in price.
Percales, yard wide, all grades.
All Black Brocade Sateens, 12½c yd. 20 yds. Muslin for 88c.
Dress Trimmings all kinds.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

MARKET SQUARE DRY GOODS HOUSE.

The month of March is the "breaking of day" for Spring and Summer.

With it comes a change in Dry Goods, etc. We start out with

New Percales.
New Madras Cloth.
New Ginghams.
New Outing Flannels.
New White Dress Goods.
New India Linens.
New Silkaline.
New Colored Cheese Cloth.
New Denims.
New White Flannels.
New Towelings.
New Linen Towels with fringes.
New Ribbons for Neckwear.

1700 yards Torchon Lace, 1 and 2 inches wide, 4c.
2000 yds. new embroideries, 5, 8, 10, 12½ to 25c.
A lot of Shirt Waists, sold last season at 50c and $1.25, now 25c.
Children's Silk and Lace Caps, 10c to $2.50.
Bleached and unbleached Sheetings, 1¼ yd. wide to 2½, 12½c to 28c yd.
20 yards extra good Muslin for $1. Other Muslin 4½, 5, 6½ to 13c yd.
Lot of Gossameres at 25c, were 2 00 2.50 up to $3.50.
Good assortment of Black Dress Goods.

We make a Special Sale this month of Short length Dress Goods, in wool, in half wool and cotton. Some of them were 39 and 50c, now 25c yd; others were 25c, now 15 and 19c yard. (Table oil cloth, 1¼ yd. wide, 12c.)

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

EVERYTHING MUST BE SOLD.

To move the remainder of our stock we have still cut prices lower. Your opportunity of buying goods of all kinds less than cost. We must vacate the store room, the time is short, the

GOODS MUST BE SOLD,

and we have made prices that should move them rapidly. We mention below a few items:

DRESS GOODS. All our dress goods that have been 50c. now go at **25c. yd.**
SILK POPLINS that sold for $1.00 yd., now **35c. yd.**
BROADCLOTHS that sold for $1.00 and $1.25, Low **65c. yd.**
SILKS that sold for $1.40 yd. now **90c. yd.** $1.25 yd. now **75c. yd.** 35c. yd. now **20c. yd.**
SATINES that sold for 40 and 25c. yd. now **15c. yd.** 14 and 16c. yd. now **9c. yd.**
ORGANDIES. French goods that sold for 35c. yd. now **15c. yd.** Lawns that sold for 12 and 14c. now **5 and 8c. yd.**
DRESS GINGHAMS that sold for 12½c. yd. now go at **5c. yd.** Silk mixed Dress Ginghams, that was 35c. yd., now **15c. yd.**
Crowley's sewing needles, 2c. paper.
Corticelli (100 yd.) sewing silk, 6c. spool.
Corticelli wash Filo and Twist, 35c. doz.
All silk baby ribbon ribbon, 2 yds. for 1c.
200 yd. spools basting cotton, 3 spools for 1c.
LEATHER BELTS at 10c. Worth double and more.
LADIES' LINEN COLLARS, 5c piece Ladies' cuffs, 5c. pair.
SILVERWARE. Rogers' 1847 make &c., at half price.
UNDERWEAR. 25c. Ladies' vests and pants, now **18c.**
50c. ladies' vests and pants, now **35c.**
50c. men's shirts and pants, now **30c**
25c. children's shirts and pants, now **15c.**
Cotton flannels, Cretonnes, &c. at reduced prices
Corsets in large sizes at 25c, worth 75c.
32 in. French Ginghams, 10c. yd.
Best light Calico, 3c. yd.
36 in. Sea Island Percales, 8c. yd.
VELVETS. Striped silk velvets suitable for waists, &c., that was $1.00 and $1.25 yd., now **29c. yd.**
LACE CURTAINS in odd pairs at almost your own price.
FINE DOTTED SWISSES, suitable for dresses, curtains, &c. at greatly reduced prices.
BLACK DRESS GOODS away down in price.
WHITE FLANNELS. Fine goods at reduced prices.
STAMPED LINENS. One-half former price.
HANDKERCHIEFS, 30 and 25c. ladies' now **18c.**
36 in. plain colored Lawns for dresses and linings in all colors, now go for **8c. yd.**
BUTTONS. The best values you ever seen. Goods that was 25c. doz., now 2 doz. for **15c.** and lots of others. See them.
JEWELRY. An assortment of Stick pins, Brooches, Ear-rings, Bracelets, and your own selection at 5c. each. Goods worth ten and twenty times the price.
EMBROIDERIES away down. It will pay you to see them.
BLACK SHAWLS. Fine Thibet goods at less than cost of importation. See them.
HOSIERY. Ladies' and children's stockings that sold for 25 and 15c. pair. Now **5c.** pair.
Ladies' hose that was 50c. pair now **15c.**
Men's hose at 10c. pair.

Now is your time. Lots of other bargains for you. Come and see.

H. W. SLOAN.

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No. 77. Surrey Harness. Price, $16.00. As good as sells for $25.

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THE PACIFIC OCEAN TRADE

Its Vast Importance Connected With Hawaiian Annexation.

The most striking fact in the commercial status of the world to-day is the growing importance of the Pacific Ocean trade. It is on the Pacific Ocean and in the lands surrounding it that the commercial enterprises of the coming century will find chief scope. To that fact the opening and development of Japan, the Building of the Canadian Pacific and the Russian trans-Siberian railroads, the enormous growth of the Australasian colonies and the present scramble of the European powers for a partitioning of China all irresistibly point.

Pacific trade has already attained vast proportions. Japan has become one of the great shipping nations, with more than a thousand steamships of her own and with two million tons of foreign shipping in her ports each year. Her foreign trade amounts to some $145,000,000, a year. That of China amounts to $265,000,000, and that of the Australasian colonies to no less than $570,000,000. Those are large sums, but even they are mere trifles compared with what will be reported from the same regions a few years hence. The bulk of the Chinese trade may always go to Europe overland or by way of the Indian Ocean. But a large share of it should beyond doubt come to and go from this country, and should do so directly by way of the Pacific. As for the others, Japan and Australasia, all their trade, with Europe and with America, should naturally pass across the Pacific. That is by far the most direct route. From Yokohama to London by way of Vancouver is now only thirty days' time. By any other route it is forty-three. The completion of the railroad across Siberia will, of course, divert some Japanese trade to that overland route. But it will at the same time bring additional European trade to the Pacific, and thus actually increase the commerce of that ocean.

Great Britan is a great Pacific Ocean power, and she aims at maintaining her supremacy in commerce in those waters. That is why she built a railroad across Canada and is planning to lay a telegraphic cable from Vancouver to Australia. That is why she would like to use Hawaii as a half-way station for such a cable. That is why she dislikes the idea of the United States getting possession of Hawaii, for she knows that this would quickly be followed by laying of a cable from the United States to Hawaii and thence to Japan, and that in turn by such an expansion of United States shipping in these waters as would manace her superiority. It is entirely true that Hawaii would be of great value to this country as a naval base in time of war, if war should ever come. But it will be of far greater value as a commercial station and outpost, or half-way house of trade, in the times of peace which, it is to be hoped, will be perpetual. That is one of the most practical forms of the question, not merely whether this country is to have Hawaii for what it is worth in itself, but whether this country is to have the commanding rank in the trade of the Pacific which only the possession of Hawaii can assure.—N. Y. Tribune.

Educating the Indian.

Captain R. H. Pratt, Tenth United States Cavalry, superintendent of the Indian industrial school at Carlisle, Pa., has sent out the fourteenth annual report of the school. It is a most interesting document, and shows the remarkable progress the pupils are making in civilized life. There were at the school during the year 762 pupils, 425 of them males and 337 females. They represented 68 tribes, or nations, and the tribal representation varied from 1 to 101, the Chippewas showing the greatest number The school has grown steadily, and Captain Pratt says:

"The table with its sixty-eight names of different tribes, each representing a different language, shows that this school is exceptional, not only for the United States, but for the world I venture the assertion that in no other institution in existence are there as many different nationalities and languages as are gathered here, with the object of moulding all into one people speaking one language, and with aims and purposes in unison with the civilization of the day and its government. There is no table of confusion, nor disadvantage, educationally, in such a diverse aggregation On the contrary, the conditions are most excellent for forwarding the purpose of the school, and giving a common language, a unity and loyality of thought and effort. All our experience proves that the more individuals from the various tribes can be associated together, and the more immediate the contact of all with the better element of the white race, the more rapidly and thoroughly do our educational and civilizing efforts accomplish their purpose."

Pumping Oil From the Sea.

The only spot in the world where oil is pumped from the sea is on the Pacific coast below Santa Barbara, Cal. The oil-bearing strata reaches out into the ocean, and the drill scaffolding, looking like windmills without the wheels, crept nearer and nearer the edge until finally many of them were planted in the water. The work was started at extreme low tide, and finally the tall scaffolding appeared twenty or thirty feet from the shore, seemingly rising from the sea. Three wells at low tide are in the water, and at flood tide are completely surrounded, the men working on platforms of various heights, which they ascend when working as the sea rises. The structures that are built in the sea have not yet experienced a strong southwester, and it is assumed by some that there will be a fall in oil when a heavy sea begins to break against the scaffolding. The drill is worked in the water by an engine on the beach, the fuel being the oil pumped up, this engine working several wells. At present the most daring well scaffold stands in six feet or more of water at high tide, and there is a rumor that others will be pushed out into the shallow water. Undoubtedly the entire coast in this vicinity overlies an oil-producing stratum. Off what is known as Moore's wharf, half a mile out, oil rises to the surface in several places.

The caribou, or reindeer, of Newfoundland roam over an area of some 25,000 miles of unbroken wilderness. They are magnificient creatures, some of the larger stags weight from 500 to 600 pounds.

A PEARL PIRATE

A Sketch of the Buccaneers of the Spanish Coast.

Frank R. Stockton, in contributing to St. Nicholas, under the title of "The Buccaneers of the Spanish main, tells the following adventure:

One of the adventurers who set out about this time on a cruise after gold-laden vessels was a Frenchman who was known to his countrymen at Pierre Francais and to the English as Peter Francis. He was a good sailor and ready for any sort of a sea fight; but for a long time he cruised about without seeing anything which it was worth while to attempt to capture. At last, when his provision began to give out and his men became somewhat discontented, Pierre made up his mind that rather than return to Tortuga empty handed, he would make a bold and novel stroke for fortune.

At the mouth of one of the large rivers of the mainland the Spaniards had established a pearl fishery; for there was no kind of wealth or treasure, on the land, underground, or at the bottom of the sea that the Spaniards did not get if it were possible.

Every year, at the proper season, a dozen or more vessels came to this pearl bank, attended by a man-of-war to protect them from molestation. Pierre knew all about this; and as he could not find any Spanish merchantman to rob, he thought he would go down and see what he could do with the pearl fishers. This was something the buccaneers had not yet attempted, but no one knows what he can do until he tries, and it was necessary that this buccaneer captain should try something immediately.

When he reached the coast near the mouth of the river, he took the masts out of his little vessel, and rowed quietly toward the pearl fishing fleet, as if he had intended to join them on some entirely peaceable errand; and, in fact, there was no reason whatever why the Spaniards should suppose that a boat full of buccaneers should be rowing along that part of the coast.

The pearl fishing vessels were all at anchor, and the people on board were quietly attending to their business. Out at sea, some distance from the mouth of the river the man-of-war was lying becalmed. The native divers who went down to the bottom of the sea to bring up the shell-fish which contained the pearls, plunged into the water and came up wet and shining in the sun, with no fear whatever of any sharks which might be swimming about in search of a dinner; and the people on the vessel opened the oysters and carefully searched for pearls, feeling as safe from harm as if they were picking olives in their native groves.

But something worse than a shark was quietly making its way over those tranquil waters, and no banditti who ever descended from Spanish mountains upon the quiet peasants of a village equaled in ferocity the savage fellows who were crouching in the little boat belonging to Pierre of Tortuga.

This innocent looking craft, which the pearl fishers probably thought was loaded with fruit and vegetables that somebody from the mainland desiring to sell, was permitted, without being challenged or interfered with, to row up alongside the largest vessel of the fleet, on which there were some armed men and a cannon.

As soon as Pierre's boat touched the Spanish vessel, the buccaneers sprang on board with their pistols and cutlasses, and a savage fight began. The Spaniards were surprised, but there were a great many more of them than there were pirates, and they fought hard. However, the man who makes the attack, and who is at the same time desperate and hungry, has a great advantage, and it was not long before the buccaneers were masters of the vessel. Those of the Spaniards who were not killed were forced into the service of their captors, and Pierre found himself in command of a very good vessel.

A Bridal Episode.

At a recent fashionable weding not a thousand miles from Chicago some very picturesque features prevailed. Bowers and flowery terraces decked the grounds of the handsome residence of the bride's father, yachts with gay pennants flying were anchored at the foot of the garden, flower girls and chorus girls led the way to the little neighborhood church, singing and strewing roses in the path of the lovely bride, and all was delightfully decorative as high Chicago society art could make it. Along the flower strewn way the bride slowly advanced, carried on a sedan chair by four stately bearers—her brothers and cousins. These wore tall silk hats, by the way, but that is merely the usual touch of Chicago improvement on old French styles. At intervals—it was a warm September morning—the four bearers set down their lovely burden—so the story goes—and mopped the moist brows under the tall silk hats. On they moved until again warm and weary. Finally—it is told—the brother of the bride leaned to the window of the sedan chair and expostulated:

"Bertha," he said, "for heaven's sake, kick the bottom out and walk; it'll look just the same."

Bisons on a Wisconsin Farm.

Albert and Charles Huber, living a few miles south of Durand, Wis., have a herd of about twenty-five full-blooded bison and some eighteen crossed bulls and heifers, bison and native cow. About six years ago they were hunting in the western part of North Dakota and succeeded in capturing alive three young bison, a bull and two cows, and these they brought to their farm here. The animals grew and thrived amazingly, and are pastured in an enclosure of about 400 acres, running down to the Valley or Rose Creek, where they have ample room and shelter. Experiments were early made with crossed breeds, and it has now been found that the cross is very successful, the half-breed combinnig the docility of the domestic animals with the endurance and large size of the bison. They are also very fine fur producers, and grow to maturity in less time than domestic cattle: The flesh of the crossed animals is very palatable, and the fur has all the good qualities of that of the bison, and is softer and more silky. The cross-bloods can also stand far more exposure in winter than can the native cow. —Chicago Tribune.

ABOUT MARRIAGE

Does It Tend to Prevent Insanity?—What an Indiana Justice Says.

Two men reasoning from entirely different standpoints agree in an article in a New York paper that marriage is not only the happiest but most healthful state of existence. Justice Ephriam Keigwin, of Jeffersonville, Ind., who has married 8,600 couples in thirty years, says:

"Marry young, is my advice. If you cannot marry young, marry as young as you possibly can, and, above all, marry. Most marriages are compromises, anyway, a matter of give and take, and as a whole it is better for a man and a woman to be married, even if they do quarrel occasionally, than it is to remain single. I believe that married life makes people better. It has more restraining influence, which is found in no other relation. It throws a responsibility on men and women which few shirk wholly. There is more genuine, saving religion in the marrage ceremony than in any other ceremony performed by men."

Cupid has found another strong champion in the person of Dr. Edward Foote, of New Yory city. This physician gives facts and figures to show that 90 per cent of the inmates of our insane asylums would not be there to-day if they had been married at all, or if their parents had been married at the proper time. Dr. Foote thinks that a law should be passed making it compulsory for all young people to marry between the ages of 19 and 25. Speaking of his views Dr. Foote said:

"We have no means of getting at the exact figures on insanity in the United States at the present time, but we have a good criterion in the figures compiled on the same subject for Great Britain. This report shows that at every age from 19 up to 65, and even upward, the chances of a single man becoming insane are six times greater than the chances of a married man going mad. Between the ages of 20 and 24 the odds against the single man are something lake 77 to 10, although they become slightly smaller as the ages increase."

Dr. Foote said from his experience in having charge of an insane asylum he believing these figures equally applicable to the United States.

Who Are the Greeks?

In everything the modern Greek does or says, there is to be detected a glance out of the corner of his eye to see if the rest of the world thinks he is acting as his ancestors would have acted. No nation believes that so much is expected of it as does modern Greece, and no nation could strive harder to fulfil those expectations. The modern Greek believes that the world is constantly comparing him to the ancient Greek, and is expecting him to take the same commanding position in modern civilization to everybody that brings back outward symbol of the ancient life is hailed by his as if it brought back the spirit of the ancient life. The revival of the Olympic games is more to him than a successful war. Every reconciling of the modern language to ancient usage, every substitution of an ancient word or construction for a modern one, is a matter of more gratification than the appearance of some literary masterpiece in the modern language. He looks forward to a time when once more Greece shall be a light to the nations, an eventuality whose crowning word of praise shall be not that Greece leads in the modern world, but that she resembles and equals her ancient self.

With his intense pride in the past of his nation, with his every thought turned toward it, more grevious than the loss of provinces would be the successful demonstrations of the theory that modern Greece is a changeling, a superstitious child, a cuckoo of Servian, Gothic, Venetain descent.—W. A. Curtis, in Lippincott's.

How to Live Long.

Sir James Sawyer, a well-known physician of Birmingham, Eng., has been confiding to an audience in that town the secret of longevity. Keep the following eighteen commandments and Sir James sees no reason why you not live to be 100:

Eight hours' sleep.
Sleep on your side.
Keep your bedroom window open all night.
Have a mat to your bedroom door.
Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
Exercise before breakfast.
Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked.
(For adults) Drink no milk.
Eat plenty of fat, to feed the cells which destroy diseased germs.
Avoid intoxicants, which destroy those cells.
Daily execrise in the open air.
Live in the country if you can.
Watch the three Ds—drinking water damp and drains.
Have change of occupation.
Take frequent and short holidays.
Limit your ambition; and,
Keep your temper.

Quaint Superstition.

About wedding and betrothal rings there are many quaint superstitions, says The Standard Designer. Centuries ago the wedding ring was placed, as now, upon the fourth finger of the left hand—the thumb being always counted as the first—for the reason, as some ancient manuscripts assert, that a nerve was supposed to reach from this finger to the heart. The shape of the ring, too, was of special import, the plain circlet, having neither beginning nor end, signifying eternal fidelity while the gold of which it is made signifies purity. The betrothal ring of the ancient Egyptians was made of iron, indicating sacrifice of liberty.

"Pickled."

A Memphis young lady, who recently studied in Germany, tells a good story of a German lady who was studying English, and who used to write letters in English to her parents. One doy the German lady handed a letter to the Memphis lady, saying: "Here is a letter which I have written to my mother. I want you to read it over and see if it is properly written."

The letter was all right, excepting the closing phrase, which read as follows: "God pickle and keep you."

An investigation proved that the young German woman, in looking for a synonym of "preserve," had come across "pickle."—Memphis Scimitar.

Foreign Possibilities Affect Speculation.

But Activity in Industrial Production Continues Without Hindrance.

R. G. Dun & Co's. weekly review of trade says:

Foreign possibilities have much affected speculation and caused hesitation in some large business operations, possibly accounting in part for a check in the rapid advance of wheat, but industrial production continues larger than ever, a few more works being added to the active list with a decrease in the number of hands on strike and renewed evidence that the volume of business is larger in February than of any previous year.

Nor is there any symptom of a senseless craze based on rising prices. The legitimate export and domestic demand presses closer to the capacity of works, and though there is no flighty advance in any line, and in all narrowness of profit is a matter of complaint, new business for this dull season is unprecedented.

Wheat continued its progress upward until $1,08.75 was reached on Monday, but declined 3½c later, as if there were fear that Spain would somehow stop British vessels from taking wheat across the water. But there is no abatement of foreign demand. Atlantic exports were 1,968,814 bushels, flour included at wheat, for the week, against 1,326,444 last year, and Pacific exports 1,576,376, against 136,464 last year.

In iron manufacture there is more demand for products and slightly better prices for Bessemer pig, which has advanced to $10.40 at Pittsburg, with gray forge unchanged there.

Failures for the week have been 235 in the United States against 296 last year and thirty in Canada against fifty last year.

Fighting Force.

Of Four States, According to Report of Adjutant General of the Army.

According to the annual report of the adjutant general of the army, just transmitted to Congress, the total strength of the militia of Pennsylvania last year was 8,521. The State of New York's total was considerably larger, being 13,894, but the number of men available for military duty in Pennsylvania is given at 878,394, while the New York available strength is only 800,000. The summary of the Pennsylvania organized force is given as follows: Generals and general staff, 198; cavalry, 195; light batteries, 233; infantry, 7,895.

Delaware's militia is summoned up as follows: General staff, 9; infantry regimental field and staff, 9; company officers, 29; non-commissioned officers, 111; musicians, 17; privates, 283; aggregate infantry, 449; total officers and men, 658. The number of men available for military duty, unorganized, is given at 28,080.

The New Jersey militia force is summarized as follows: Generals and general staff, 57; cavalry, 130; machine gun battery, 122; infantry, 3,941; hospital and ambulance corps, 47; aggregate, 4,297. The number of men available for military duty is given as 385,273.

The Maryland militia force is as follows: Generals and general staff, 25; infantry, 1,652; total liable to military service, 150,000.

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Sam Small on Newspapers.

The Rev. Sam Small knows something about the good newspapers do and is disposed to give them credit for it. He is fearless and says just what he thinks, no matter whose corns may be pinched. He recently had some remarks to make about newspaper sensation as follows:

"I have been a newspaper man twelve years, and if I wanted to get a right square judgment I'd rather go into a newspaper office than a court of justice. No man whose life is pure and just is afraid of all the newspaper presses in America. They are the best detective force in the country to-day. They have punctured more shams, and so far as I am concerned I say take the bridles off and let 'em go. The only one that will be hurt will be the shams and frauds. And if you think the newspaper prints too much of a sensational kind don't you read it, and they will quit printing it. The papers need to be reformed but the people have got to be reformed first. Newspapers are printed for money and to suit their patrons. If you don't think they are run as a moral platform like Mr. Barnum's circus, why just reform yourselves and the newspapers will follow suit.

THE HEART MUST NOT BE TRIFLED WITH.—Where there are symptoms of heart weakness, there should be Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, it's a magical remedy, gives relief in thirty minutes, and there are thousands who testify that it cures permanently. Mrs. W. T. Rundle, of Dundalk, Ont., says: "I was for years unable to attend to my household duties. I used Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, the result was wonderful, the pain left me immediately after the first dose, and a few bottles cured."—13.

The recent opening of valuable mines in the west and northwest will give a stimulus to industrial enterprises generally in the country and relieve the gorge of money in the older cities. Profitable investments will be found in mining and manufacturing throughout the Rocky mountain region. These will draw from the east millions of dollars, which will be applied for mutual advantage to the investors and to the thrifty and industrious western workers who use it.

An English paper has made a discovery, which it announces to the world. It is that Emperor William of Germany is not so foolish as he seems.

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A friend advised me to try Ely's Cream Balm and after using it six weeks I believe myself cured of catarrh. It is a most valuable remedy.—Joseph Stewart, 624 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A refugee hut on the Zugspitz, the highest mountain in Germany (10,000 feet), near Garmisch, in the center of the Bavarian highlands, has been opened. It stands on the Grat, between the east and west peaks, affords accommodations for twenty-two guests, and has been erected at a cost of $10,000.

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COUNTY CONVENTION P. O. S. of A.

The Northern and Southern Districts Hold Their First Joint Session.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America in Columbia county has heretofore been divided into three districts—the northern, comprising the Camps located above the river; the southern, comprising those between the river and the mountains to the south, and the northern Schuylkill, comprising those in Columbia county south of the mountains.

In response to an invitation from the northern district a joint convention of the northern and southern districts was held in the camp rooms of Camp 540, Catawissa on Tuesday. It is expected that all the camps in Columbia and Montour counties will soon be united in yearly conventions.

Over one hundred delegates and members of the order were assembled when the convention was called to order by C. S. Waltz, of 540, and the opening ode was sung with spirit, followed with prayer by Brother Unangst, of 105.

An address of welcome was delivered by Burgess I. H. Seesholtz, of 540.

Hon. J. U. Kurtz, of 105, Berwick, was unanimously chosen President of the convention; W. C. Thomas, of 635, Iola, and Wilbur Harder, of 540, were chosen Secretaries; the following Vice Presidents were elected: C. J. Fisher, 540, Catawissa; C. E. Whitenight, 319, Bloomsburg; W. H. Hayman, 635, Iola; Millard Eves, 336, Millville; George T. Morehead, 105, Berwick; Chas. Ripple, 23, Canby; C. H. Kingsbury, 684, Mifflin; Geo. Miller, 374, Rohrsburg; H. H. Brown, 17, Light Street; J. W. Harvey, 672, Elk Grove; D. J. Lewis, 123, Benton; W. J. Smith, 551, Stillwater; W. Kingsbury, 503, Jonestown; Ellis Lowery, 397, Lime Ridge; C. W. Houseman, 205, Roaringcreek; D. W. Snuman, 485, Mainville. There being no representatives present from camps at Espy, Newlin and Beaver Valley, no Vice Presidents were elected from those camps. Master of Forms, Chas. McAlister, 105; Past President, A. R. Chapin, 503; Vice President, J. W. Perry, 672; Conductor, Henry Stettler, 319; Chaplain, Philip Unangst, 105; Inside Guard, John Barber, 551; Outside Guard, Elwood Yocum, 374; Treasurer, I. H. Seesholtz, 540.

The chair appointed the following committeess; On credentials—J. E. Snyder, 684; S. T. Lewis, 635; Geo. Unangst, 105; on resolutions, E. H. Brown, 17; B. F. Ryan, 540; D. F. Pealer, 551; J. W. Perry, 672; Millard Eves, 336.

Statements of the condition of the various camps in the district were listened to by the convention. The reports showed the order in a healthy condition, financially and otherwise. Berwick is the banner camp, having a membership of 399, with a $12,000 opera house nearly paid for.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee on credentials reported the following camps represented: Bloomsburg, 319; Catawissa, 540; Iola, 635; Millville, 336; Berwick, 105; Canby, 23; Mifflinville, 684; Rohrsburg, 374; Light Street, 17; Elk Grove, 672; Benton, 123; Stillwater, 551; Jonestown, 503; Lime Ridge, 397; Roaringcreek, 205; Mainville, 484. Espy, Newlin and Beaver Valley camps were not represented.

On motion of I. H. Seesholtz it was decided to hold another joint convention on Feb. 22, 1899, and that date be fixed as the regular meeting of such joint conventions. The vote was 27 to 3. Bloomsburg was selected as the place of holding the next convention.

At the suggestion of President Kurtz an advisory committee of five was appointed to take into consideration all matters looking to the best interests of the order in the county, and advising when required. The committee is as follows: H. A. Myers, 635; H. V. Hower, 684; U. Myers, 540; G. T. Morehead, 105; H. H. Brown, 17.

Camp 672, Elk Grove, was reported in a peculiar position. The population there is transient, being chiefly employees in the lumber enterprises in that neighborhood, the membership of the camp is mostly of the same class, and while there are members enough in good standing, plenty of money in the treasury, a full outfit of paraphernalia and candidates ready, they cannot get enough of the members there at one time to hold sessions, elect and initiate members. The cases of Espy and Elk Grove camps were referred to the advisory committee for action. Vice Presidents to be ex-officio members of the advisory committee.

On motion of J. W. Perry the right hand of fellowship was extended to Brother W. C. Sholes, Berwick, with the wish that he experience a speedy recovery from his illness. Mr. Sholes is the father of the county convention idea.

The committee on resolutions presented their report, which with some amendments was adopted. The resolutions are as follows:

WHEREAS, The United States is receiving emigrants of all classes, including those who have no love or respect for our free institutions or the laws of our land, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the P. O. S. of A., of Columbia county, in convention this day assembled, request and urge our member of Congress to use his voice and vote in the passage of the bill now pending before Congress for the restriction of emigration.

Resolved, That we recommend that the Camps of this county secure the erection, according to law, of flags over the various schoolhouses in their districts.

Resolved, That each member present endeavor to secure at least one good, patriotic citizen as a member of this grand and patriotic order in the year 1898.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the suffering Cubans in their brave efforts to secure their freedom, and heartily recommend to those who are in authority in our country to use an honorable means looking to the speedy termination of the war in liberty's favor.

Resolved, That, with all people of the United States, we deeply mourn the dreadful destruction of the battleship "Maine"; that we extend to the sorrowing friends of the victims of that disaster our deepest sympathy; that, if the investigation now in progress discloses any connivance therewith on the part of the Spanish government, we will heartily support any measures that our authorities may adopt to call that government to account.

The Secretaries were directed to send a report of the convention's proceedings to each of the county papers and the *Camp Net*.

A collection was taken up to defray the postage and stationary expenses of the convention.

It was decided to invite the Montour county camps to unite in convention with Columbia county on Feb. 22nd, 1899, at Bloomsburg.

The thanks of the convention were extended to Camp 540, Catawissa, for the hospitales shown the convention.

Before the adjournment the convention ate in a half minute's meditation on the catastrophe that occurred in Havana harbor, closing with three cheers for old glory as she went down flying in a foreign harbor, after which the convention adjourned. It was most impressive.

EVENING SESSION.

There was a large attendance at the evening session of members of 540, their wives and sweethearts, visitors and friends. The following is the program:

Selection.....Prof. Hampton's Orchestra.
Prayer.....Rev. G. M. Klepfer
Selection.....Prof. J. T. Berger.
Opening Address....Dr. L. B. Kline
Selection.....Orchestra
Address.....Hon. J. U. Kurtz
Welsh Song.....A. H. Kline
Address.....Hon. Wm. T. Creasy
Selection, "Patriotic Medley".....Orchestra.
Address.....Fred Ikeler, Esq.
Selection.....Orchestra

Refreshments.

One minute speeches at the call of the Chairman.

The orchestra came in for a generous share of praise and the speakers were given evidence that their efforts were appreciated. Fred Ikeler, the orator of the evening, fully maintained his reputation as an eloquent, polished speaker, giving the company a most acceptable and appropriate address.

The first joint convention will long be remembered by all who participated.

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The district comprising the territory north of the river, known as the Northern District of Columbia County, held their session at 1:00 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers and selecting the next place of meeting.

The meeting was called to orher by District President H. A. Myers, of 635, Iola, and the following officers chosen: Secretary W. C. Thomas, 635, Iola; Treasurer, Moses McHenry, 551, Stillwater.

Jonestown was selected as the next place of meeting of the northern district convention, on the third Saturday of July.

SOUTH SIDE DISTRICT.

The district convention of the south side was held immediately after the noon adjournment, District President H. V. Hower in the chair. Wilbur Harder was elected Secretary. The convention will be held in July.

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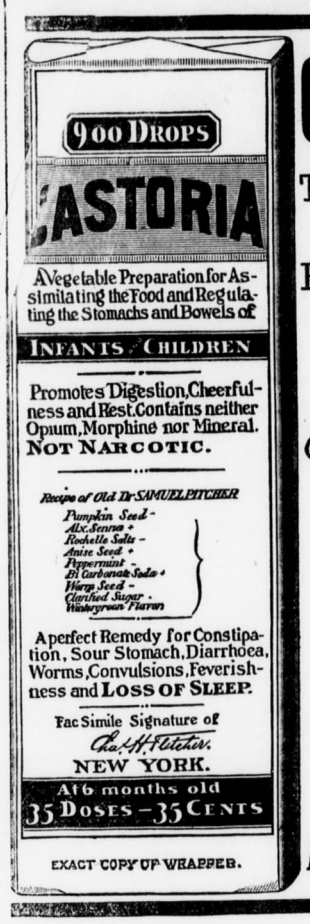
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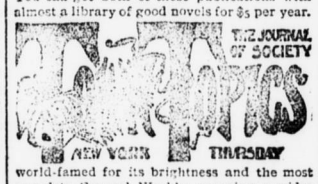

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Special train will leave Williamsport at 12.40 p. m., Wilkesbarre 10.15 a. m., Sunbury 1.55 p. m., Mt. Carmel 11.30 a. m., Harrisburg 3.30 p. m., stopping at the principal intermediate stations and at York. Returning, special train will leave Washington at 3.40 p. m., Thursday, March 31. Passengers from the Shamokin Division will use regular trains from Washington returning. All tickets will be good to return also on regular trains until Saturday, April 2, inclusive.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1898,

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VALUABLE HOUSE AND LOT,

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Estate of J. R. Evans, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of J. R. Evans, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Andrew L. Fritz, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay, ANDREW L. FRITZ,
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Wilson M. Gearhart Dead.

Wilson M. Gearhart died at his home in Danville last Friday night at 12.30 o'clock. He was an active man and widely known all over the State of Pennsylvania. At the time of his death he was chief clerk of the State Department at Harrisburg. He also served in this capacity during General Beaver's administration, which he resigned to serve as secretary of the World's Fair Commission of this State. Upon the election of General Hastings he was again made chief clerk of the State Department. For a number of years he was prothonotary and clerk of courts of Montour county.

In 1863 he enlisted in the Union army. He was assigned to provost marshal's department at Washington. In the same year he resigned to complete his education.

He was born in Rush township, Northumberland county, and attended school there; later he entered the Danville Academy, and in 1865 graduated from Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport.

Mr. Gearhart was chief clerk of the State Board of Pardons and one of the trustees of the Danville State Asylum for the Insane. He was an active member of St. Paul's M. E. Church, serving during the greater part of the time as steward and trustee, as well as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a member of Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. and A. M.; also of Danville H. R. A. Chapter, No. 239, and Calvary Commandery, No. 37. He is survived by a wife and three children, Dr. J. Beaver Gearhart, Mrs. John R. Sharpless, Hazleton, and Miss Emiline.

Mr. Gearhart was well known in Bloomsburg. Some years ago he was engaged in the plumbing business here with the firm of Thatcher & Gearhart. He had many friends in Bloomsburg who sympathize with the family in their affliction. The funeral took place on Monday.

Lippincott's Magazine for March, 1898.

The complete novel in the March issue of *Lippincott's* is "An American Aspirant," by Jennie Bullard Waterbury. It deals with the fortunes and misfortunes of a spirited young lady who studies music in Paris and hopes to become a prima donna. The moral drawn by the author for such as contemplate similar efforts is, Don't.

"The Civil Authority" is a powerful story of a weak-kneed sheriff, a resolute captain, and a company of the National Guard which attempted to defend a jail against a mob. It is by Henry Holcomb Bennett.

Joseph A. Altsheler tells how a Federal and a Confederate soldier were left together "After the Battle," and what occurred between them. "Jim Trundle's Crisis," as described by Will N. Harben, came when the Whitecaps proposed to whip Jim for neglecting his family.

George Ethelbert Walsh writes instructively on "The Status of American Agriculture," and its transition from crude to scientific methods. "The Antics of Electricity" are portrayed by George J. Varney. Neith Boyce has much to say about "Historic Diamonds," and Frank H. Sweet about "Pearl-seeking."

"The Archæology of Nursery Classics" is traced by Agnes Carr Sage. F. Foster, in "Literary Nomenclature," deals chiefly with the titles of novels.

The poetry of the number is by Mary E. Stickney, M. S. Paden, Grace F. Pennypacker, Charles G. D. Roberts, and Clinton Scollard.

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ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or diseases, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney, and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover cost of postage on the bottle. Mention THE COLUMBIAN and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

SHERIFF MARTIN TESTIFIES.

The Lattimer shooting affair is still before the Luzerne County court. Sheriff Martin was put on the stand on Tuesday. There was a rustle of excitement when he took his seat in the witness box. He was asked a great many questions about his position and said he was elected in 1895, and took office the first Monday in January in 1896. He spoke for an hour without intermission. In speaking of the shooting he said: "The deputies and I were met on the road by the strikers, and I asked them where they were going.

"To stop the Lattimer breaker," a lot of them cried. I told them they must not go and tried to read my proclamation to them, but they crowded around me, swearing at me and hustling me to one side. One man tried to grab me and I then attempted to get hold of him, but the crowd then jumped on me and pounded me about the body. I dropped my paper and pulled my revolver. One of the men tried to snatch the revolver from me but failed. Then he struck me an awful blow in the face and knocked me to my knees. I tried to shoot him but my revolver would not explode. Then the shooting commenced. It lasted about a half a minute.

"In the crowd I saw three men armed with revolvers and one with a knife, the latter made a stab at me, but missed. Two men were shot just behind me to the left. I was in the direct line of fire."

At the conclusion of his story, he was cross-examined by Mr. Scarlet. Many minor details were brought out but nothing was adduced to affect the main story.

Italians Loyal to the Flag.

Say They are Ready to Fight for America Against Spain.

The Italian Society of Jefferson County, with a membership of 800 former subjects of King Humbert, at a meeting held Saturday unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"We, the Italian-American citizens of Birmingham and vicinity, deplore the loss of the brave sailors, who suffered death in the Maine disaster in Havana Harbor, and we are ready and hereby tender our services to defend the Stars and Stripes, the flag of our adoption, at any time we are called upon."

Accounts of the Maine disaster printed in Italian were read before the meeting and patriotic speeches were made. A prominent member of the society says that every Italian who has made America his home is only waiting a call to arms in order to prove his loyalty to this country.

The Musical College, Freeburg, Snyder county Pa., is one of the foremost schools of music in the country. $33 will pay for a term of six weeks, instruction and board. Spring Term will begin May 3.

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3 cans good Peas	25c	2 lbs. New York Cake Cheese	25c
1 can French Peas, best	15c	1 package Coxe's Gelatin	15c
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Valuation of Real Estate and Personal Property of Columbia County at the Triennial Assessment for 1897.

DISTRICTS.	Timber Land.	Cleared Land.	Lots.	Real Estate.	Occupation.	No.	Value.	No. Cows.	Value.	Aggregate.
	Acres	Acres.	No.							
Beaver	3863	7154	40	$ 211578	$ 16590	224	$ 890	178	$ 2312	$ 366380
Benton Boro	77	366	152	118940	22435	55	180	31	690	143305
Benton Twp	2766	8551	3	207065	10370	302	905	235	3462	229703
Berwick	20	281	785	787535	106120	127	490	25	440	898585
Bloom, E	.....	1132	803	1005511	122750	163	655	61	1050	1134896
Bloom, W	3	688	677	1131466	114400	221	885	51	746	1253212
Briarcreek	2371	8875	134	420741	29560	203	1015	211	5813	466729
Catawissa Boro	31	188	464	459595	77930	82	246	93	420	538235
Catawissa Twp	1111	4817	1	152277	7510	123	369	124	2230	166929
Centralia, 1st	.....	154	188	156800	30810	76	304	12	240	19-890
Centralia, 2nd	.....	.....	173	117000	26640	21	99	8	160	144790
Centre	762	10556	79	518096	16640	341	1174	297	5435	552426
Cleveland	2115	9247	.....	212916	10250	250	6890	77	2713	232769
Conyngham	1519	8965	294	627885	85310	298	8960	99	745	723940
Fishingcreek	3923	12762	55	391427	15190	401	1345	71	5840	426207
Franklin	1519	6120	.....	181405	7730	162	615	1	2490	198045
Greenwood	5533	10782	87	354280	19350	418	1126	1	5538	394432
Hemlock	1589	7875	104	316245	15560	289	9970	2	5340	377115
Jackson	5088	5675	14	101295	4750	179	6180	11	2225	114550
Locust	2127	8396	34	296668	16800	328	10140	24	3680	327298
Madison	1484	17258	37	381175	13110	449	9820	314	4160	409265
Main	1641	5367	85	213852	14020	187	8800	159	1140	239115
Mifflin	1512	8791	277	310465	21420	256	8620	187	130	349635
Millville	37	536	124	126048	15320	99	2360	56	883	144251
Montour	826	4231	38	209665	14380	140	4950	130	90	228895
Mt. Pleasant	1514	8160	.....	218145	8920	312	9750	291	3360	241598
Orange	1442	5634	118	294865	2 010	276	7470	197	3370	326215
Pine	8051	6718	6	139786	8583	261	8010	229	2791	159170
Roaringcreek	4535	5628	.....	146530	7200	200	8140	126	1895	163765
Scott	1	3977	347	426295	37340	296	7330	175	3388	474353
Sugarloaf	6894	5573	127	165635	22290	213	7245	182	3220	198360
	62825	184450	5202	$ 10517697	$ 934375	6763	$ 221272	5185	$ 84192	$ 11757536

Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners sitting as a Board of Revision will attend at their office in Bloomsburg for the purpose of finally determining whether any of the valuations of the Assessors have been made below a just rate according to the intent and meaning of the Act of July 27th, 1842, and to raise, reduce and equalize the same according to law. March 14 for all districts on the south side of the river. March 15 for all districts west of Big Fishingcreek, and March 16 for balance of districts, being those through which the said creek passes and those wholly on the east side, at which time and place all persons for themselves and districts desiring to be heard can attend. The returns will be open for inspection until said revision is completed.

WM. KRICKBAUM, JOHN N. GORDON, NEHEMIAH KITCHEN, } County Commissioners.

Attest:—D. Z. MENSCH, Clerk.
Commissioners' Office, Bloomsburg, February 18, 1898.

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March.

The old Anglo-Saxons called the month upon which we enter, "Hlyd Monath," which, by interpretation, means Storm Month. Under the old Roman way of reckoning, this was the first month of the year, and continued to be so in England until 1752. There is just two things about March which may be unfailingly predicted. The first is bad weather from the Signal Service, and the second is big bargains from us. We propose to let the winds do the blowing, we will do the selling.

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Tubular lanterns,	45c ea
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Cotton batts,	6, 10, 12½c ea
Embroidery hoops,	4c ea
Men's night shirts,	48c ea
Men's unlaundried white shirts,	47c ea
Large size bleached cotton towels	10c
White knitting cotton,	2c ball
4 leaf clover stick pins,	4c ea
Feather stitch braid,	4, 10c pc
Black jet trimming,	3, 6, 8c yd
Carpet beaters,	8c ea
Ingrain carpet samples,	23c ea
10½ inch fry pans,	10c ea
Large size Turkish bath toilet soap, 4 pieces for 5c.	
Large dining room pictures,	$1.50 ea
Decorated Hen butter dishes,	10c ea
Enameled steel oatmeal boilers, large size,	50c.
Decorated opal salt and pepper shakers,	5c ea.
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Satin Duchess in small designs, suitable for evening wear, colors, sky, cream, Nile pink, ecru, all pure silk, value $1.00; at per yd., 67 cents.

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